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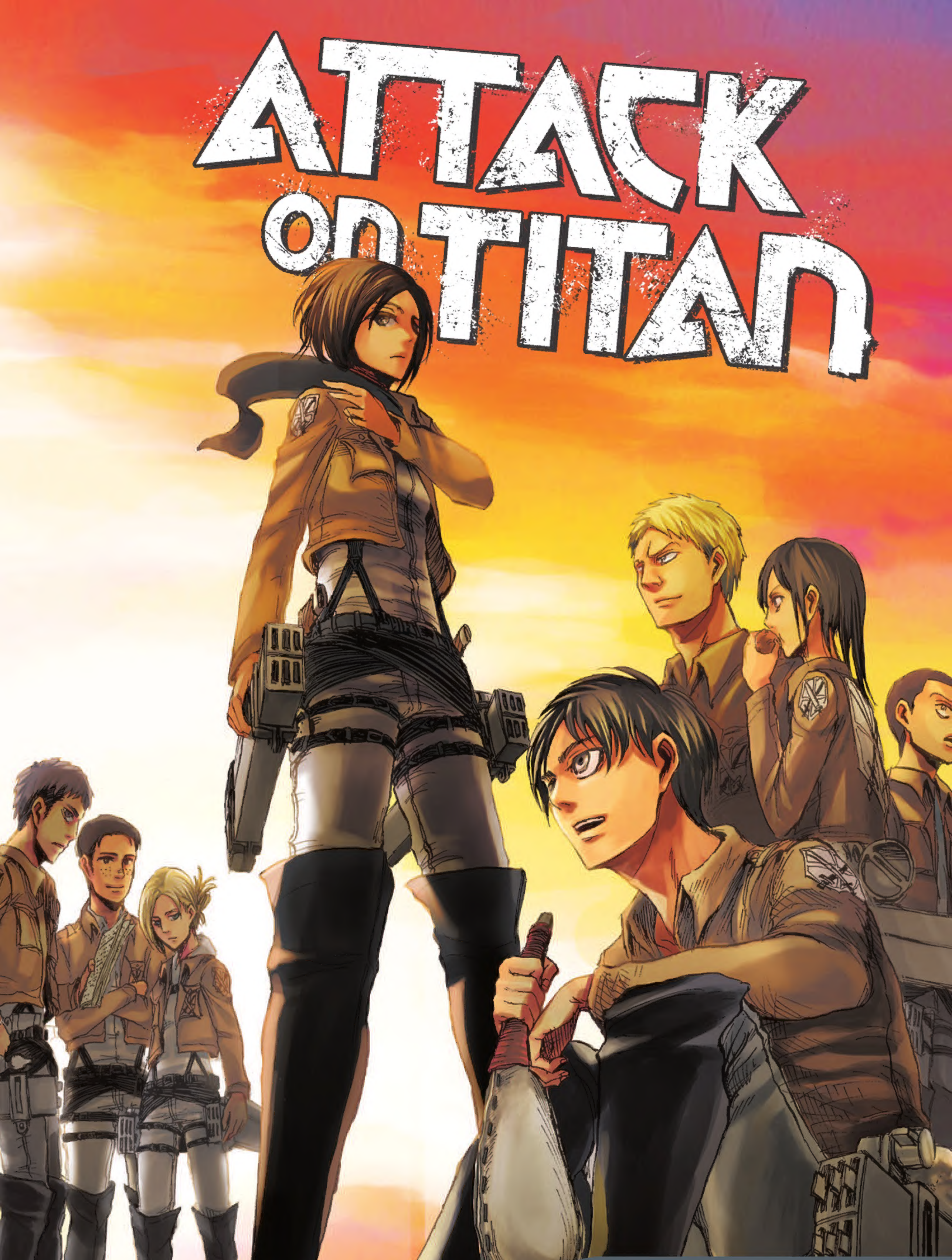

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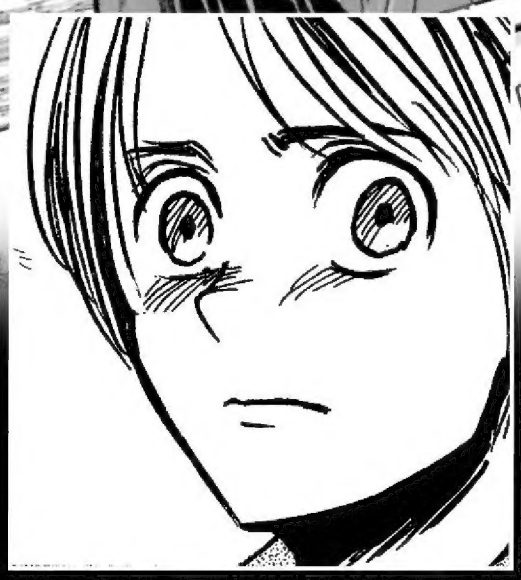
"Attack on Titan" Character Introduction

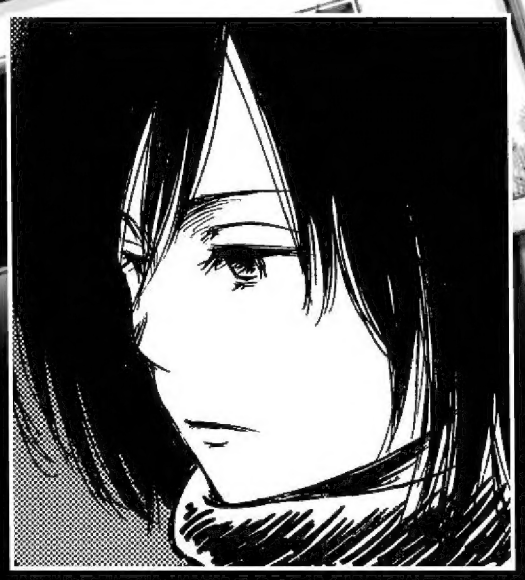
TITANS

Beings that prey on humans. Not much is known about the mode of life of these creatures, other than that their intelligence is low and they eat humans. Generally, their height varies from about 3 to 15 meters* high, which is why it was thought they wouldn't be able to get over the human-created wall, but one day, the intelligent "Colossus Titan," over 50 meters tall, appeared...

*10-50 feet

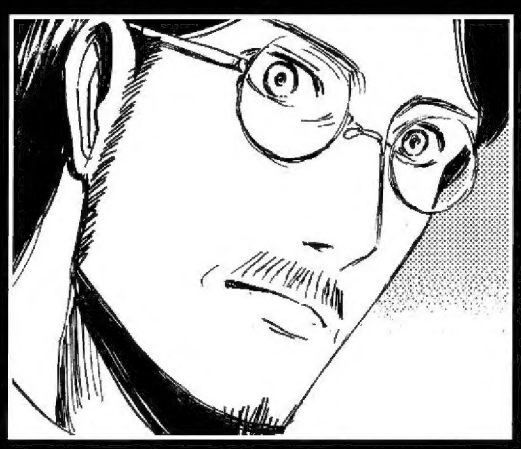


Armin Arlert
Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Armin is physically weak and feels that his two friends have protected him since they were children.



Mikasa Ackerman
Mikasa graduated at the top of her training corps. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child. Afterward, she was raised alongside Eren, whom she tenaciously tries to protect.

Eren Yeager
Longing for the world outside the wall, Eren aims to join the Survey Corps. For some reason, he is now able to turn himself into a Titan.



Grisha Yeager
A doctor and Eren's father. He went missing after the Titan attack five years ago.

A century ago, the human race built three secure concentric walls, each over 50 meters tall.* This successfully secured a safe, Titan-free territory for humans. However, five years ago, a huge Titan, taller than the outer wall, suddenly appeared. After it broke through the wall, many smaller Titans found their way in, forcing the humans to abandon their outer wall. Currently, the sphere of activity of the human race has been reduced to the area behind the second wall, "Wall Rose."

* 164 feet

Episode 14: Primitive Desire

ATTACK ON TITAN

WHOOOOOOOM

!!

IT FINALLY CROAKED ?!

SON OF A BITCH !

RUMBLE

DODGE!

ONE MORE'S COMING FROM BELOW!

CHFF

...WE GOT ONE ...

ズズ

LEAN

KRAK

FWOOOOOOOO

MITABI'S SQUAD, FORM UP!

DA DA

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FOR NOW!

I'M JOIN-ING UP WITH MITABI'S SQUAD!

MIKA-SA, RE-PORT-ING!

EREN ?!

YOU'RE IN THERE, AREN'T YOU?!

EREN, WAKE UP!

EVERY-THING WILL END HERE!

PRICKLE PRICKLE

IF YOU STAY IN THERE, THE TITANS WILL KILL YOU!

ARMIN... I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

...

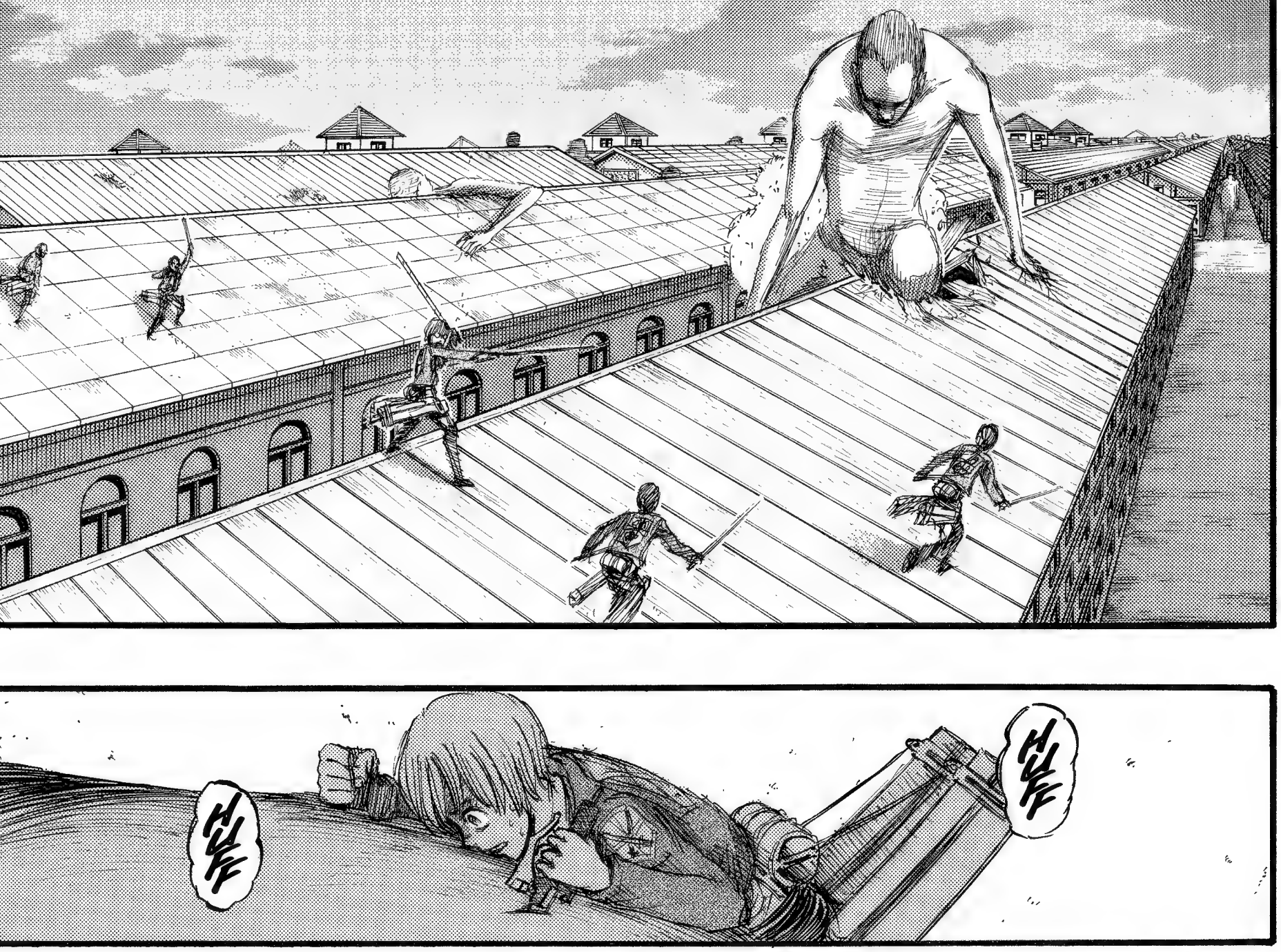
...

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO OUT-SIDE ...?

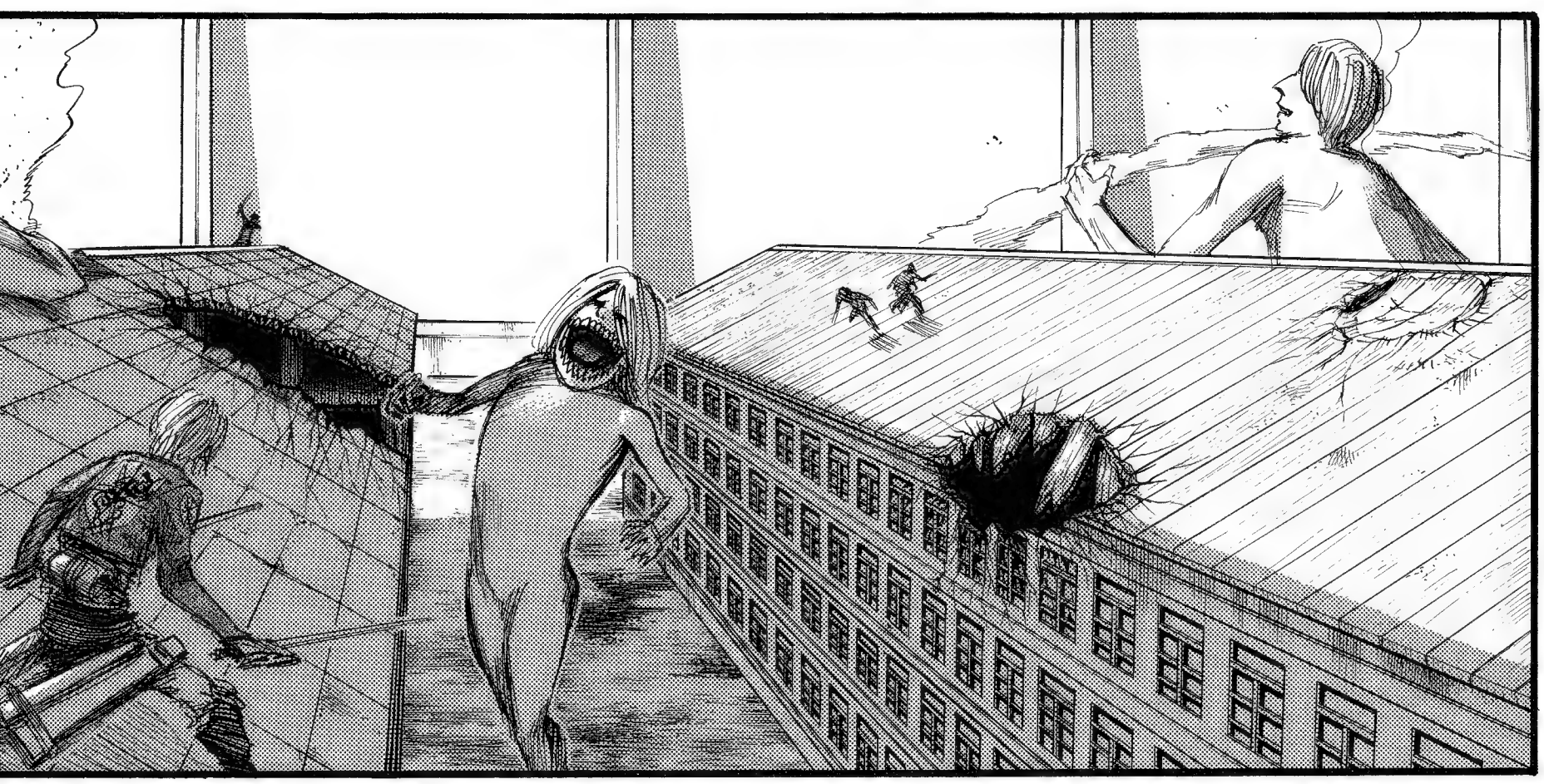
WHY BOTHER JOINING THE SURVEY CORPS...?

WHY BOTHER GOING OUTSIDE ...?

THAT'S RIGHT.



HUFF
HUFF



EREN
...
...
HUFF

SOME-DAY...

...WE'RE GOING TO EXPLORE THE OUTSIDE WORLD, AREN'T WE?

WE'LL GO FAR, FAR PAST THE WALL...

THE LAND OF ICE ...

TO SEE THE BURN-ING WATER ...

THE PLAINS OF SAND...

I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D FORGOT-TEN...

...BUT YOU REALLY STOPPED TALKING TO ME ABOUT THIS STUFF BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT ME GOING INTO THE SURVEY CORPS, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

THE... ...

... OUT-SIDE WORLD ?

EREN... ANSWER ME.

FWUMP

YOU ALWAYS KNEW HELL WAS WAITING FOR YOU ONE STEP OUTSIDE THE WALL...

...SO WHY DID YOU...

...EVER WANT TO GO TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD?

...

...

WELL, THAT'S...

WHY...?

...

THAT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT...?

IT'S BECAUSE...

...I WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD!!

FWWOOOO

...!!

WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT!!

RIP

SQUAD LEADER ... IT'S OVER.

FOR NOW, RETREAT TO THE ROCK!!

PAK

WHUD

WHUD

?!

OUR NEXT STEP DEPENDS ON EREN'S CONDITION!!

WITH-DRAW FOR NOW!!

FWISH

ズ SLIP ズ

FIVE TITANS... ARE COMING THROUGH THE GATE!

FSSS

FSSS

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

EREN...

CRUNCH

AND NOW... HE'S TRYING TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTY...!!

EREN WON !!

WSH

AR-MIN !!

MULTIPLE TITANS APPROACH-ING FROM THE REAR!!

...IT'S VICTORY FOR US!!

FWOOOOOOOO

IF WE COVER EREN 'TIL HE REACHES THE GATE...

FWA

DEFEND HIM TO THE DEATH !!

...!!

RWWWWWWWWWWWWW

EVEN IF IT MEANS ALL OUR LIVES, PROTECT EREN UNTIL HE GETS TO THE GATE!!

WHO

?!

WHAT ?!

YOU TWO GO WITH HIM!!

THAT'S AN ORDER!!

GOT IT?!

... YES, SIR!!

SHUDDER

?!

FWOOOOOOO

WHAT ARE THEY ...?!

MITABI'S SQUAD ...?!

WE HAVE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH FOR THEM TO SMELL US!!

THE TITANS AREN'T HUNTING US!!

IF YOU DON'T TURN AROUND, I'M GONNA STICK MY BLADE RIGHT UP YOUR STINKIN' ASS!!

HEY! LOOK OVER HERE!

RUN !!

GET TO THE BUILDING !!

WHUD

HERE THEY COME!!

TWO OF 'EM!!

THAT'S ...

NO ...

WITHOUT HORSES OR BUILD-INGS, THEY CAN'T FIGHT!!

WHAT ARE THEY...?! STAYING ON THE GROUND IS SUICIDE!!

TA-DUMP

...THE ONLY WAY LEFT.

TA-DUMP

FWOOOO

I DON'T CARE HOW CLOSE YOU GET! WE HAVE TO MAKE THEM TARGET **US!!**

FOLLOW MITABI'S LEAD!!

HUH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

MY BODY...

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

...FEELS LIKE IT'S GONNA BE...

...CRUSHED...

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

MIKASA...

ARMIN...

...?!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

...THE TITANS'LL EAT YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?

IF YOU STAY THERE...

HUFF

HUFF

WHY DID YOU WANT TO GO...

...TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, EREN?

...ALL OF US...

...ARE FREE.

CRUNCH

WHEN WE'RE BORN...

CRUNCH

HUFF

HUFF

...DON'T MATTER.

PEOPLE WHO REJECT THAT, NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEY ARE...

...WOULD BE THE FREEST...

...PERSON IN THE WORLD.

ANYONE WHO SAW THOSE THINGS...

THE BURNING WATER, THE LAND OF ICE...

ANYTHING WILL DO.

HUFF

FIGHT!!

HUFF

...OVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

WHO'D VALUE THEIR LIFE...

...HOW TERRI-FYING THE WORLD IS.

IT DOESN'T MATTER...

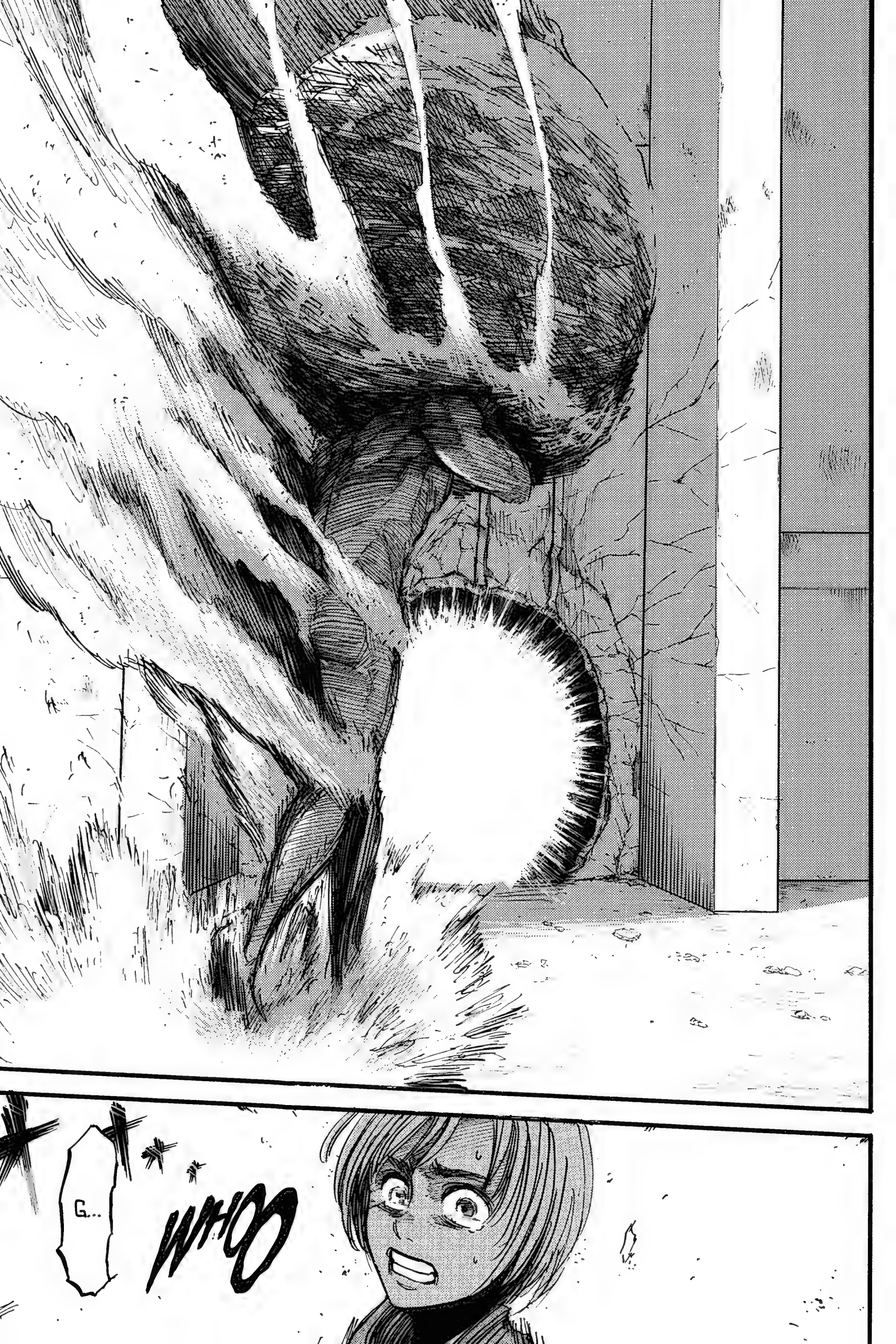
IT DOESN'T MATTER...

...HOW CRUEL THE WORLD IS.

FIGHT!!

CRUNCH

FIGHT!!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WHOO

GO, EREN!!
FIGHT!!
WHOOM

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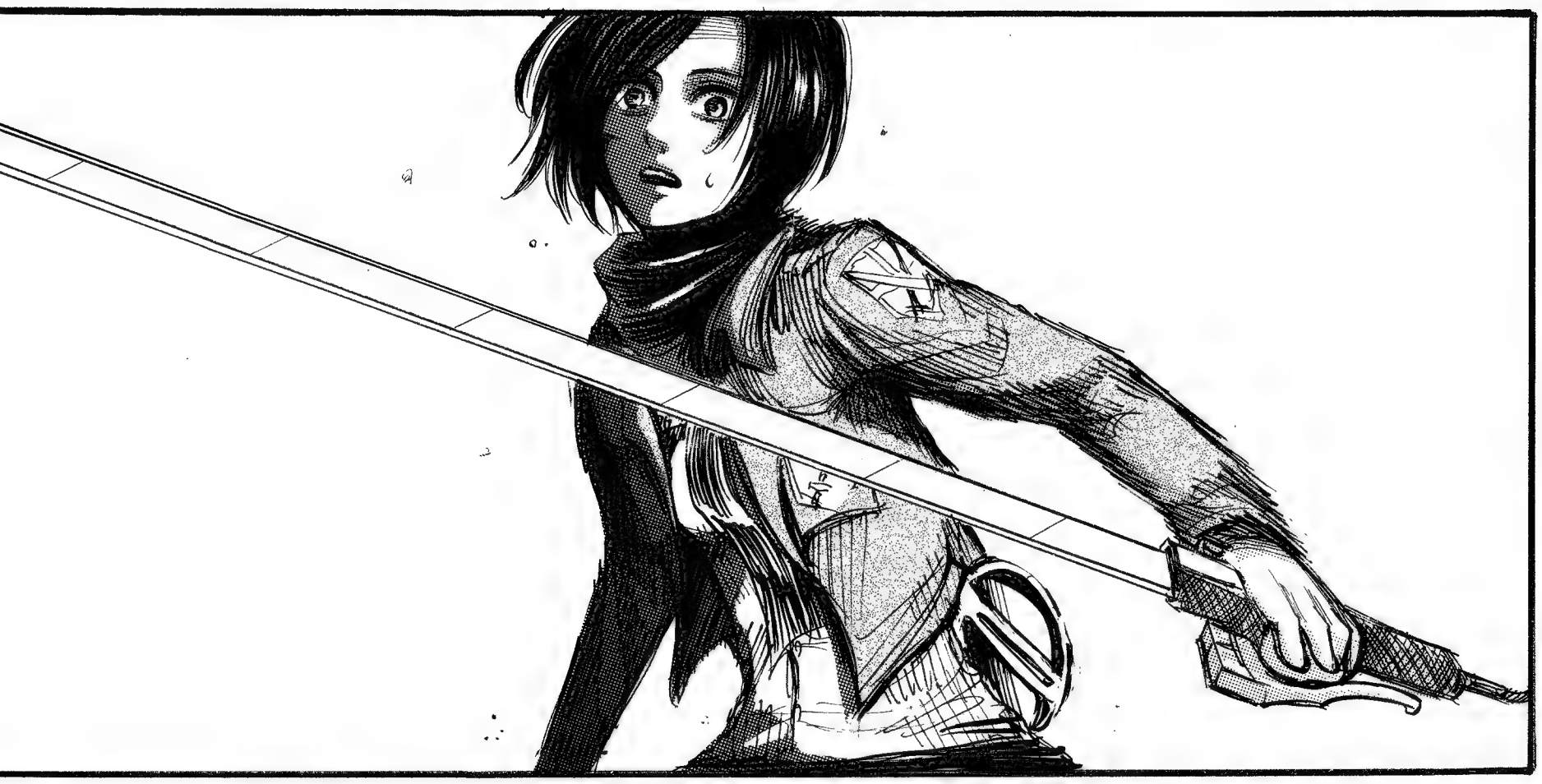
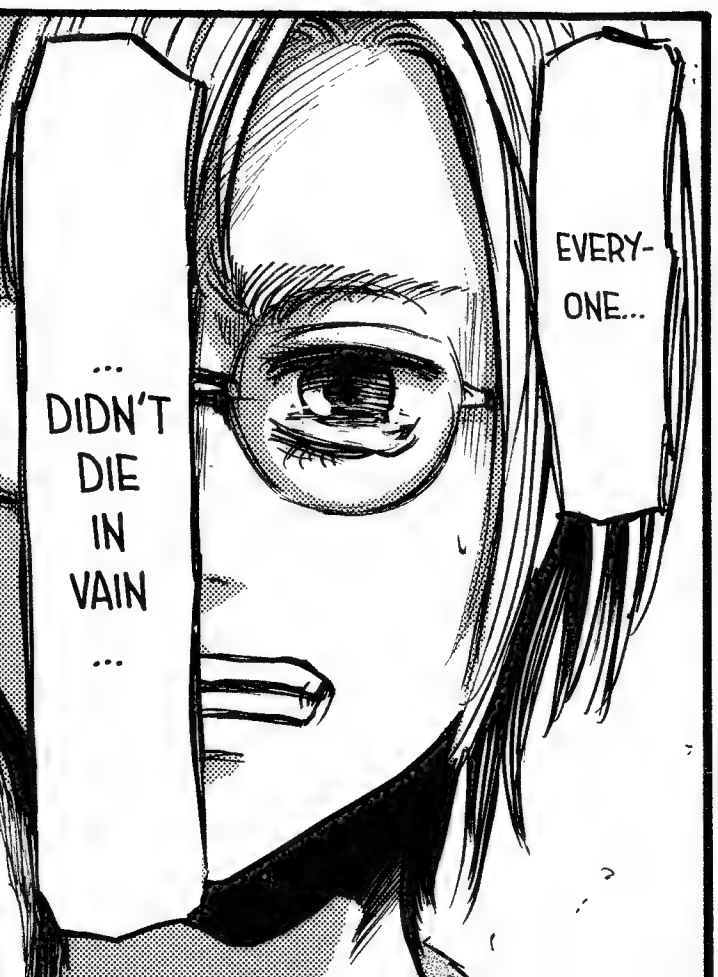
OOOO
CRACK

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DIDN'T
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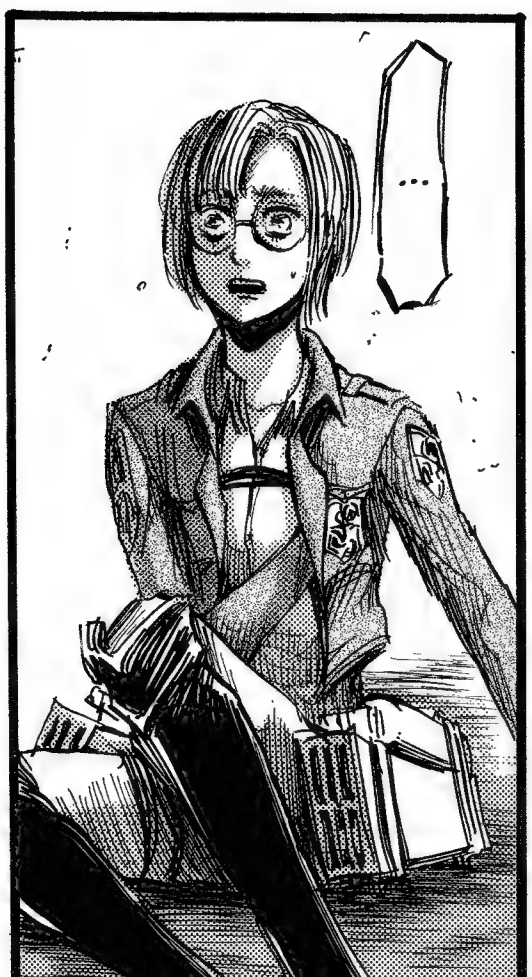
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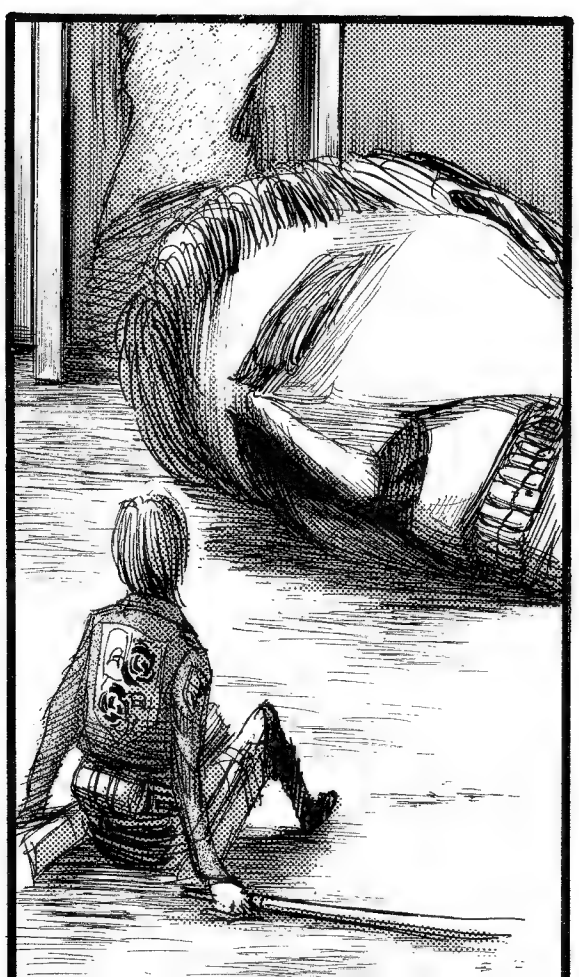

...
VICTORY.

...
WON ITS FIRST
...

TODAY, THE HUMAN RACE
...

PSHH

SEND IN RE-INFORCE-MENTS NOW!!

おおお
WHOA

...THE OPERA-TION WAS A SUCCESS.

LOOKS LIKE...

YELLOW FLARE CON-FIRMED
...

RESCUE THE ALPHA SQUAD!!

I'LL WITH-DRAW AS SOON AS EREN IS RE-COVERED !

FWWOOOOO

THE OTHER TITANS ARE COMING! WE HAVE TO CLIMB THE WALL!!

SNAP SNAP

IT'S HOT !!

BFFFFF

I CAN'T PULL HIM OUT!

DAMN IT! PART OF HIM'S FUSED WITH THE TITAN!

WE'LL HAVE TO CUT HIM OUT!

W-WAIT !!

HE HAS AN UN-BELIEV-ABLE FEVER! IF WE DON'T HURRY UP AND CLIMB THE WALL ...!

ARMIN! HOW'S EREN ?!

OOF
...

UNGH
!!

!!

AH...

FWOO

ARMIN !!

EREN !!

!!

Fwish
SLASH
SLASH

!!
WHUD
WHUD
MIKASA ?!
FWAP
HUH ?
THAT'S ...
THE WINGS...
...OF FREEDOM...

WHAT'S ...

BRATS ...

HEY ...

FSSS SSS SHHH

...THE SITUATION HERE?

THE SURVEY CORPS AND THE GARRISON'S MILITARY ENGINEERS CAME CHARGING IN, AND THANKS TO THEM...

...WALL ROSE ONCE AGAIN HELD OFF THE TITANS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE HUMAN RACE HAD STOPPED A TITAN INVASION. IT WAS A REMARKABLE DEED, BUT...

...FAR TOO MANY LIVES WERE LOST FOR THEM TO REVEL IN THE VICTORY.

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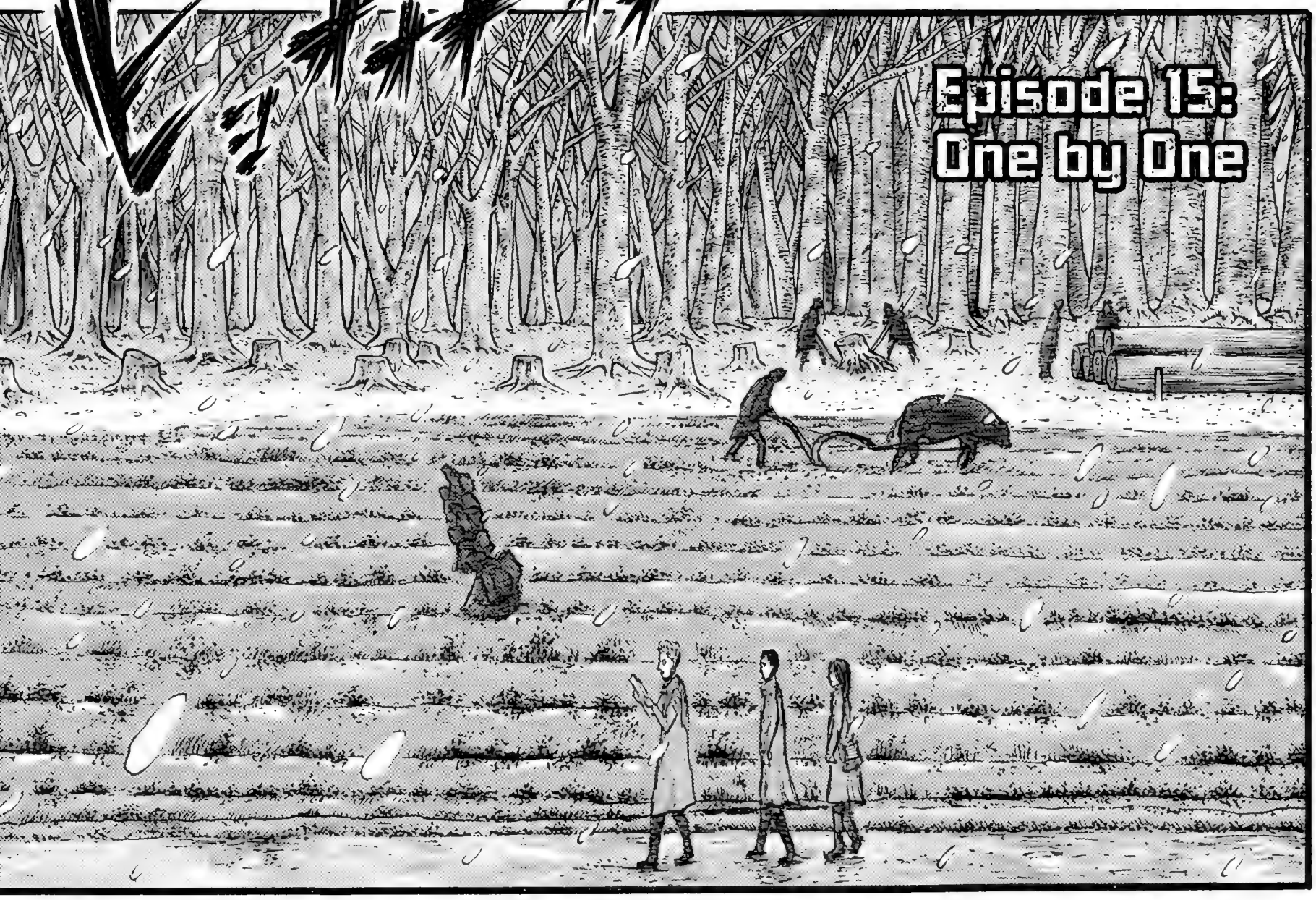


AT THIS RATE, WE'LL ALL STARVE TO DEATH...

M-MY APOLO-GIES, SIR!

I REALIZE THAT, BUT YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. IT'S YOUR DUTY TO MEET YOUR PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS.

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

YOU KIDS ...

WHAT MORE CAN THEY ASK THE ELDERLY AND THE CHILDREN TO DO ...?

...BUT LOOK AT HOW THEY PUFF OUT THEIR CHESTS.

THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE'S NEVER EVEN SEEN A TITAN...

...

FWOOOO

MAKE SURE YOU NEVER BECOME A SOLDIER LIKE THAT...

YOU DO YOUR MILITARY TRAINING THIS YEAR, DON'T YOU?

FWWOO

ARMIN, WHAT'S WRONG?

...!

"RE-COV-ERY MIS-SION" ... THE LIARS ...

MY PARENTS WERE MUR-DERED SO THERE WOULD BE FEWER MOUTHS TO FEED...

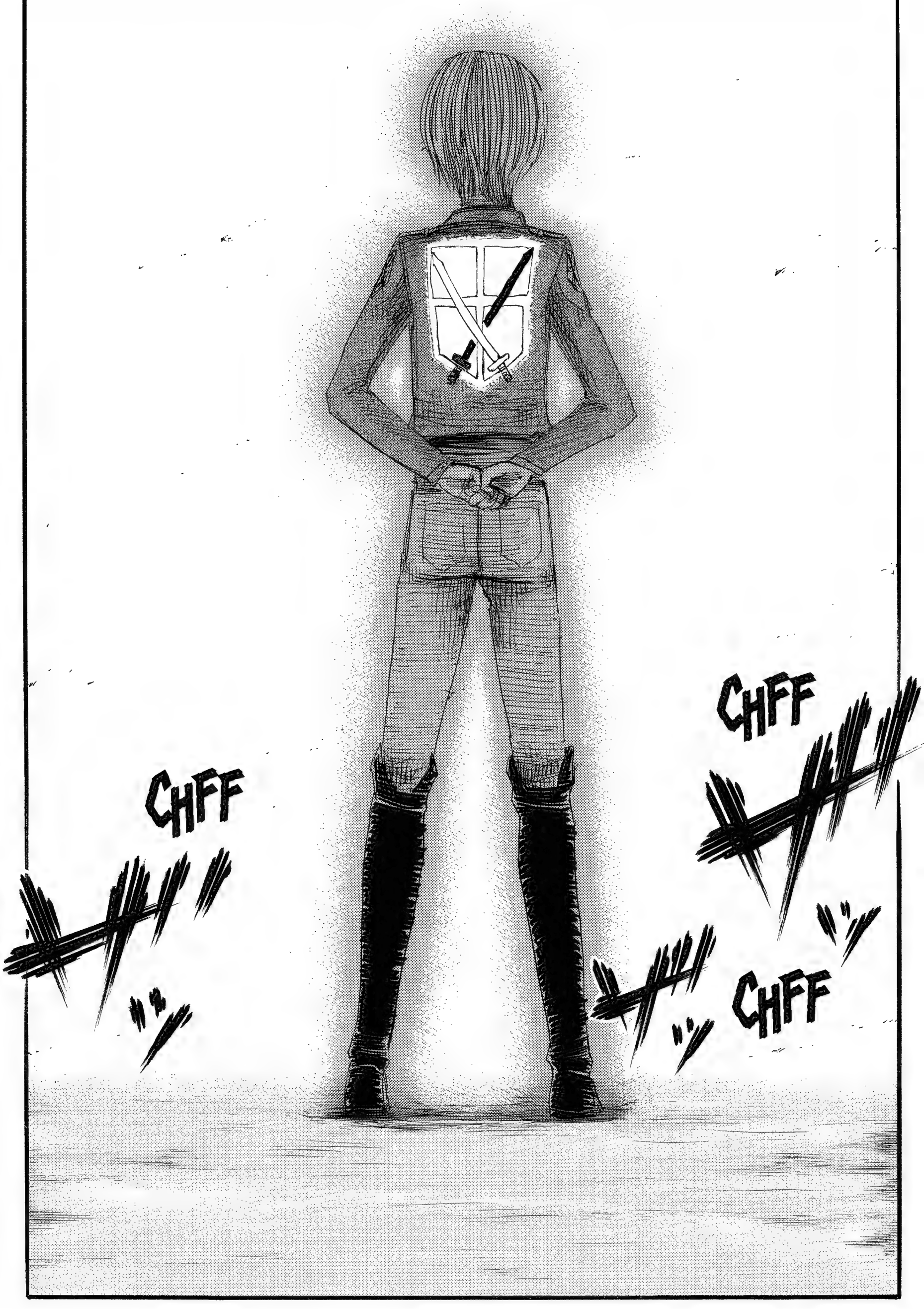
... LOOK ...

AND NOW ...

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF


CHFF
CHFF
CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

SIR!

HEY.

MAGGOT.

ARMIN ARLERT OF SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, SIR!!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT ?!

MY GRAND-FATHER DID, SIR!

YOUR PARENTS GIVE IT TO YOU ?!

RUMBLE

IS THAT RIGHT?! WHAT A DUMB NAME!!

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU COME HERE FOR?!

FWOOO

ARLERT!

I THINK I'M GONNA MAKE YOU TITAN CHOW, MAGGOT!

GRAB

WELL, THAT'S MIGHTY AD-MIRABLE !!

TO MAKE MYSELF USEFUL IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMANITY'S VICTORY, SIR!!

...!!

YANK

ROW 3, TURN AROUND!

CHFF

SIR!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT?!

FWAP

SURE IT WAS.

BUT... WHAT'S THE POINT OF INTIMI-DATING THEM...?

LOOK AT 'EM...

IT WAS LIKE THAT FROM THE START WHEN YOU WENT THROUGH TRAINING TOO, WASN'T IT?

IT'S A RITE OF PASS-AGE.

YOU'VE GOT TO THROW OUT EVERYTHING THAT PERSON WAS AND START OVER WITH A CLEAN SLATE IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A SOLDIER.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT TO THOSE WHO'VE AL-READY BEEN THROUGH A RITE OF PASSAGE.

YEAH ...

?...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S LEAVING SOME OF THEM ALONE.

THEY'RE PROBABLY THE ONES WHO SAW HELL FIRSTHAND TWO YEARS AGO.

THEY'VE GOT A DIFFERENT LOOK ON THEIR FACES.

JEAN KIRSTEIN FROM TROST DISTRICT, SIR!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAG-GOT?!

WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?!

TO GET INTO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...

...AND LIVE IN THE INTERIOR, SIR.

...

I SEE! YOU WANT TO GO TO THE INTERIOR, DO YOU?

YES, SIR!

HEY! WHO GAVE YOU PERMIS-SION TO SIT DOWN?!

STAGGER

YOU THINK SOMEONE WHO FOLDS **HERE** IS GONNA BE ALLOWED INTO THE MPB?!

!!

HMPH !

KRAK

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT ?!

MARCO BOTT, JINAE TOWN, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT, SIR!

...AND DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE KING, SIR!!

TO JOIN THE MILI-TARY POLICE BRI-GADE...

WHAT'D YOU COME HERE FOR?!

EXCEPT...

A GOOD GOAL.

THAT'S JUST FINE.

I SEE...

...

YOU, MAGGOT!! WHO'RE YOU?!

NEXT!!

...I'M POSITIVE THE KING'S GOT NO INTEREST IN YOUR SCRAWNY BODY!

CONNIE SPRINGER, SIR!

FWAP

RAGAKO VILLAGE, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT!

I KNOW THEY TAUGHT YOU AT THE START... THE SALUTE INDICATES YOUR DEDICATION TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD, HEART AND SOUL!

SQUISH SQUISH

...

IS YOUR HEART ON YOUR RIGHT SIDE, CONNIE?

...!!

...

SQUISH SQUISH

YOU'VE GOT IT BACK-WARDS ... CONNIE SPRING-ER.

NIBBLE

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

?

MUNCH

MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH

GULP

WHA...
?!

CHOMP

HEY... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

?!

FWUMP

...

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

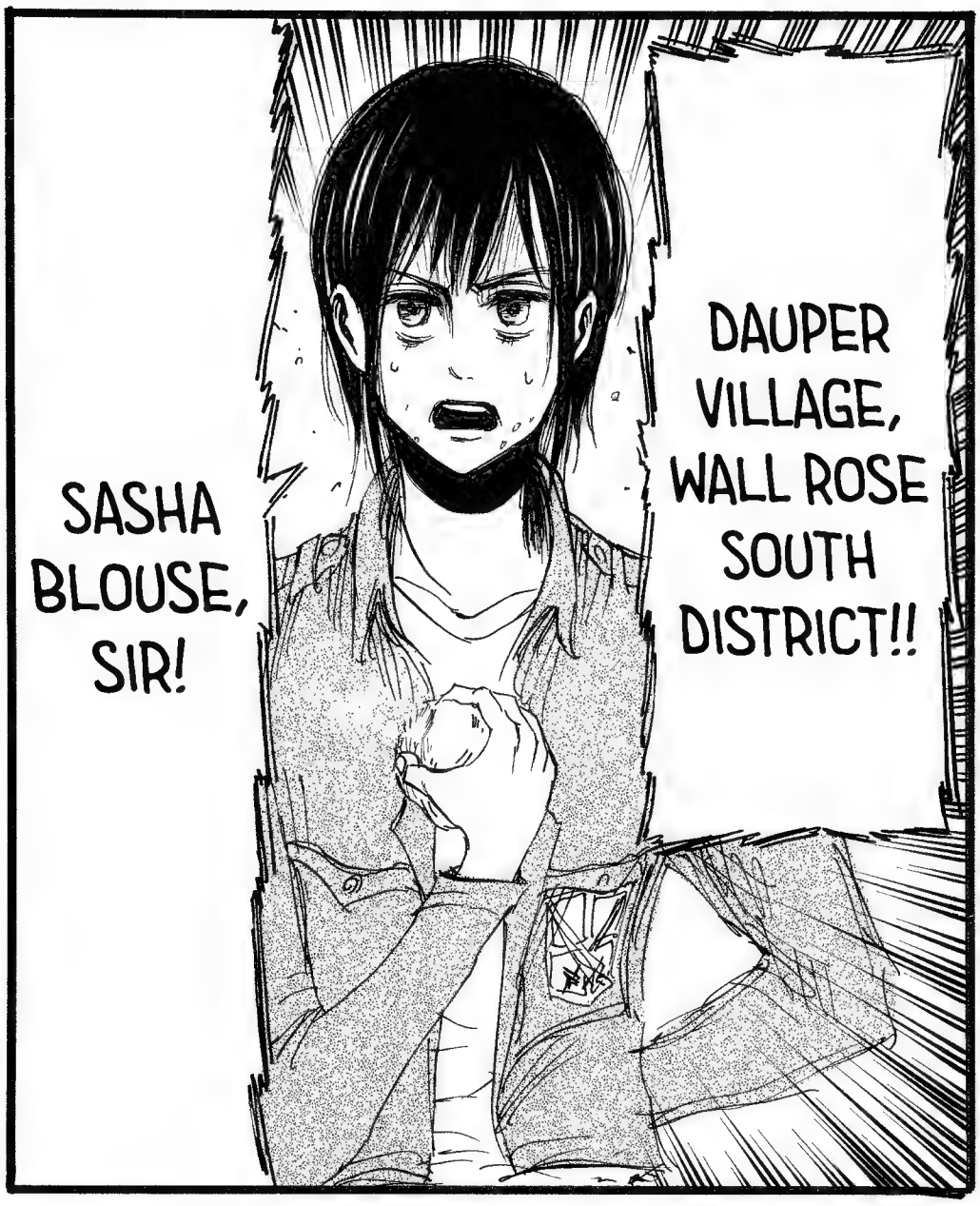
GULP

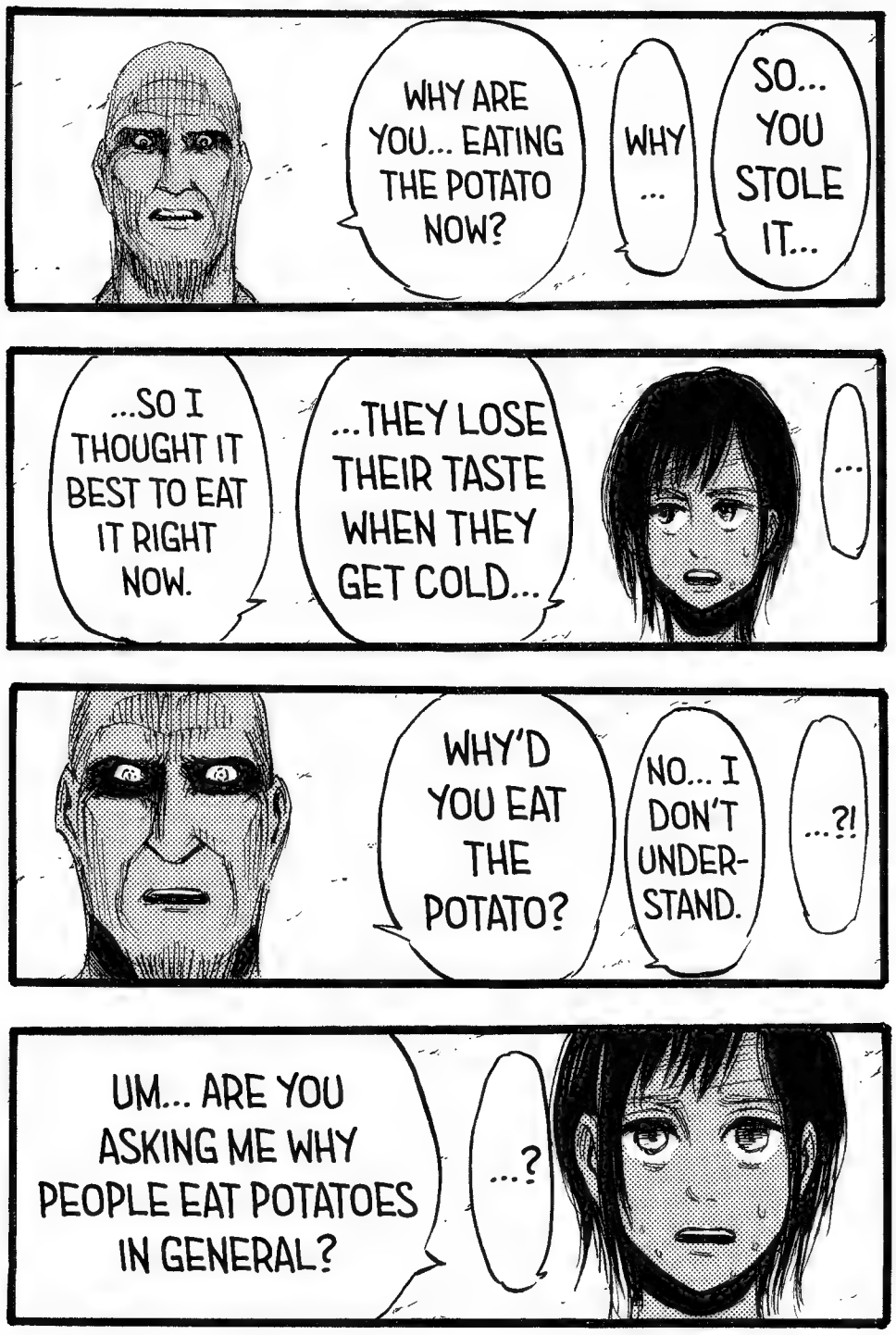
?!

WHAT THE HELL'S YOUR NAME?!

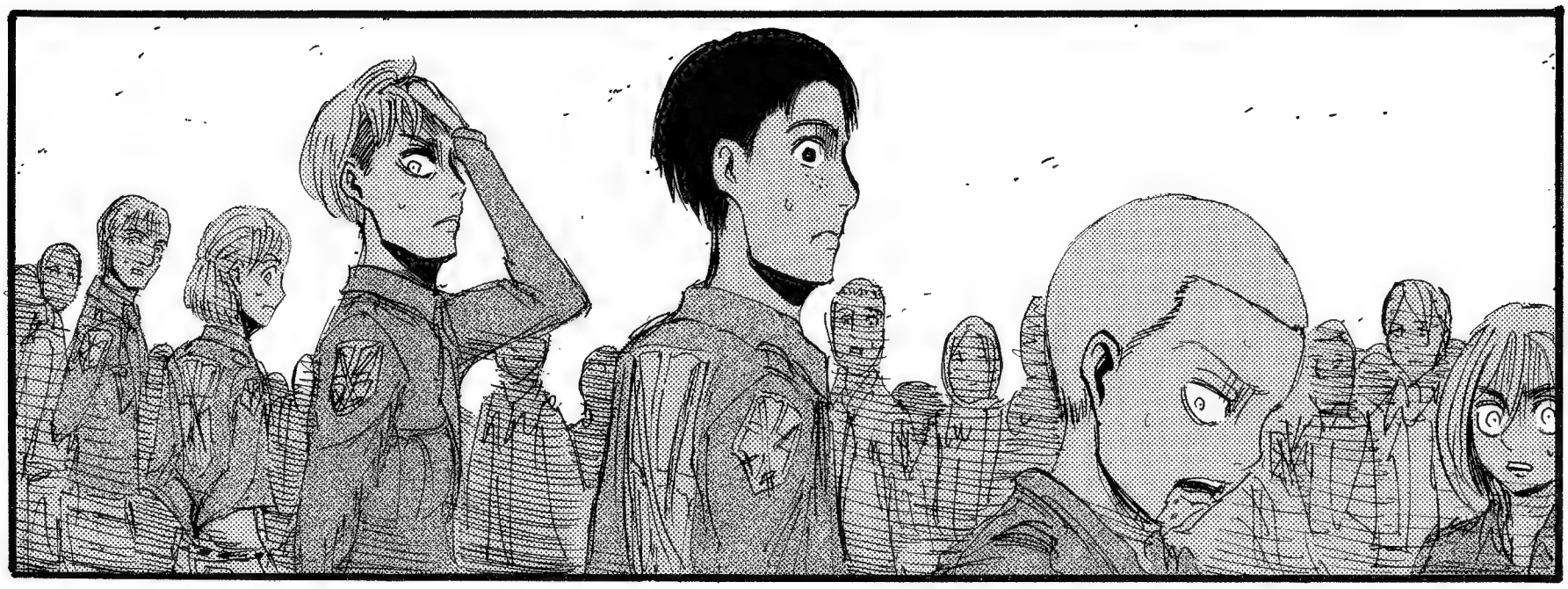
YOU, SCUM! I'M TALKING TO YOU!!

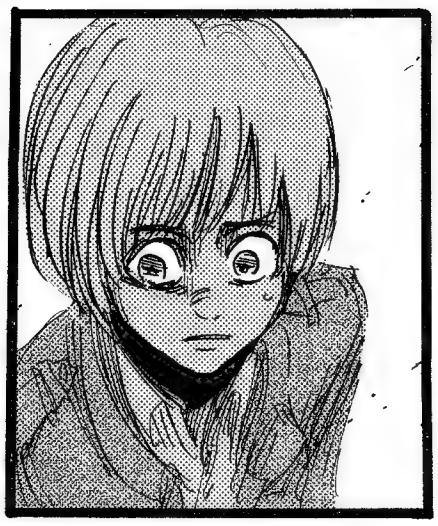
WHAT'S IN YOUR RIGHT HAND?
SASHA BLOUSE ...


SASHA BLOUSE, SIR!
DAUPER VILLAGE, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT!!


WHY ARE YOU... EATING THE POTATO NOW?
WHY ...
SO... YOU STOLE IT...
...SO I THOUGHT IT BEST TO EAT IT RIGHT NOW.
...THEY LOSE THEIR TASTE WHEN THEY GET COLD...
...
WHY'D YOU EAT THE POTATO?
NO... I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
...?!
UM... ARE YOU ASKING ME WHY PEOPLE EAT POTATOES IN GENERAL?
...?

I HAPPENED TO SEE THEM IN THE KITCHEN AND COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!
A STEAMED POTATO, SIR!





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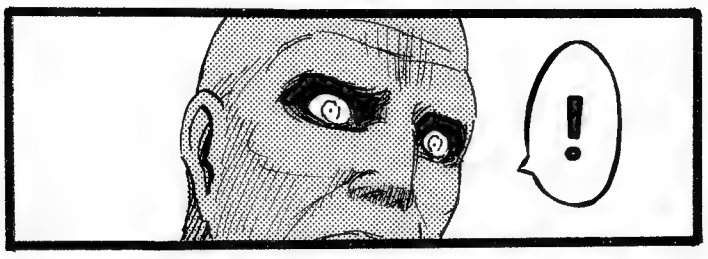
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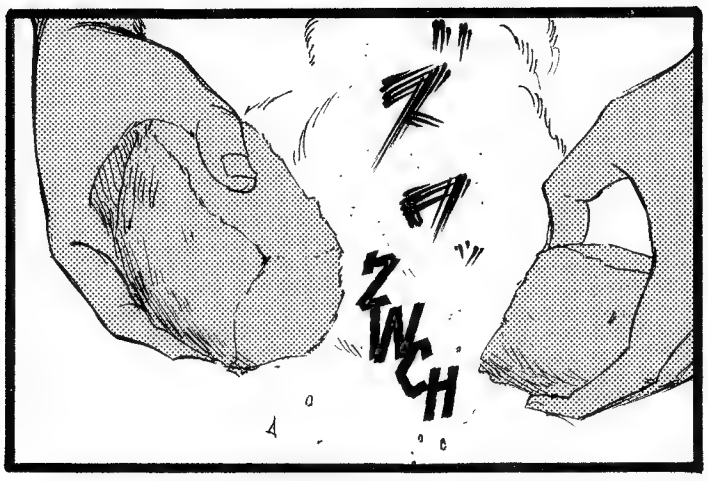
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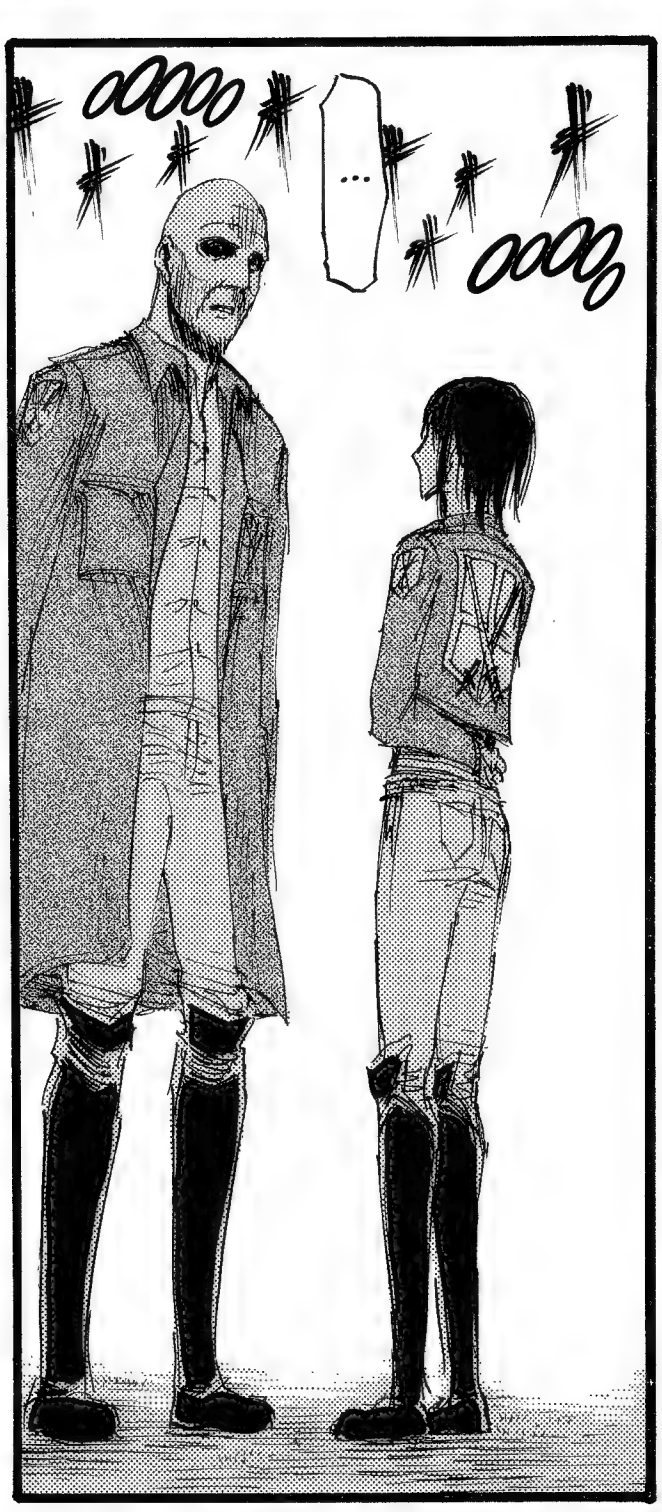

...

...?

HALF ...?

H...

YOU CAN ...

... HAVE HALF.

WHEW

HEY ...

HE'S STILL GOT THAT POTATO GIRL RUN-NING.

HUH ?

WOW. SHE'S BEEN GOING AT IT FOR FIVE HOURS STRAIGHT NOW.

STILL, THE LOOK ON HER FACE WHEN HE TOLD HER TO RUN 'TIL SHE WAS ALMOST DEAD...

...WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO HER ANGUISHED LOOK THE MOMENT HE SAID SHE DOESN'T GET TO EAT TODAY.

DAUPER... IF MEMORY SERVES, THAT'S A HUNTING VILLAGE WITH A SMALL POPULATION DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.

I DIDN'T KNOW VILLAGES LIKE THAT STILL EXISTED...

COME TO THINK OF IT, I DIDN'T HEAR WHERE YOU'RE FROM...

WHERE DID YOU LIVE?

THEN WE MOVED TO A SETTLEMENT... AND STAYED THERE 'TIL WE WERE 12.

SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, SAME AS HIM.

H-HEY!

DID YOU SEE IT?

THEN...

...REALLY?

...YOU MUST HAVE BEEN IN SHIGAN-SHINA THAT DAY, RIGHT?!

YEAH...

THE COLOSSUS TITAN!

...
I TOLD YOU...
I SAW IT...
OOOOOOHHH
REALLY?!
HOW BIG WAS IT?!
ITS HEAD CLEARED THE WALL...
WHAT?! I HEARD IT STEPPED OVER THE WALL!
ME TOO!!
THAT'S WHAT MY VILLAGE SAID!
NO... IT WASN'T THAT BIG.
WHAT DID ITS FACE LOOK LIKE?
IT HAD A HUGE MOUTH, BUT HARDLY ANY SKIN.
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE "ARMORED TITAN" THAT BROKE THROUGH WALL MARIA?!
I SAW THAT, TOO.
OOOOHHH
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL IT, BUT IT JUST LOOKED LIKE A REGULAR TITAN TO ME.
THEN... THEN...
WHAT DOES A REGULAR TITAN LOOK LIKE?!

ULP ...
CLATTER
...LET'S KNOCK OFF THE QUES-TIONS, PEOPLE.
THERE ARE SOME THINGS A GUY DOESN'T WANNA REMEM-BER.
S-SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO STIR UP PAINFUL MEMO-RIES...
HUK!

THAT'S NOT IT...

HM?

RIP

THE TITANS ARE NO BIG DEAL.

IF WE CAN MASTER THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR, THEY'LL BE NO MATCH FOR US!

I'M DONE PICKING UP STONES AND PULLING WEEDS! I FINALLY GET TO TRAIN TO BE A SOLDIER!

I WAS JUST CHOKED UP ABOUT IT BEFORE.

O-OH...

SO I'M GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...

...AND RID THE WORLD OF THE TITANS!

AND THEN ...

WHAT, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?

DID YOU JUST SAY YOU WERE GOING TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS?

! YEAH... WHY...?

!

YOU'RE THE GUY...

...WHO WANTS TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE AND TAKE IT EASY, RIGHT?

I'M NOTHING IF NOT HONEST ...

BETTER THAN A GUY WHO'S SHAKING IN HIS BOOTS BUT PRETENDS TO BE BRAVE.

THOUGH YOU ARE ELOQUENT ...

Y- YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME?!

AH, SOR- RY.

?!

HON- ESTY IS A BAD HABIT OF MINE.

I DON'T MEAN TO RILE YOU UP.

カン カン カン

CLANG CLANG CLANG

ALL RIGHT.

I HAD A CHIP ON MY SHOULDER, TOO.

BUZZ BUZZ

HOW YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE'S YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

I DON'T WANT TO THROW COLD WATER ON YOUR PLANS.

CLATTER

CLATTER

ガッチャン

CLANG CLANG

DINNER'S OVER! PUT AWAY YOUR PLATES!

SURE.

SLAP

THEN LET'S CALL A TRUCE.

FSH

!

H-HEY, YOU...!

AH... ER...

I JUST HAVEN'T SEEN A FACE LIKE YOURS BEFORE... SO I JUST...

...

SORRY ...

YOU HAVE REALLY BEAUTIFUL BLACK HAIR...

THANKS.

?

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY ...

THAT AGAIN?

RUSTLE

ISN'T THAT HAIR TOO LONG?

YOU COULD GET IN A VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING ACCIDENT.

I TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU FOR ONE MINUTE AND...

WHAT? I WASN'T FIGHTING ...

NGH !!

WIPE

BUT HOW SHORT DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE?

YEAH, I KNOW. I'LL CUT IT.

...?!

WHAT WERE YOU WIPING OFF, ANYWAY ...?

H-HEY!! WHAT'S THE IDEA, USING A GUY'S SHIRT AS A NAPKIN?!

...IN HUMANITY.

MY FAITH...

FINALLY...

TRUDGE

TRUDGE

...FINISHED...

WHEEZE

STAGGER

STAGGER

WHEEZE

SLUMP

...BUT...

I THOUGHT I'D GET TO EAT DELICIOUS FOOD BY LEAVING THE FOREST...

HE REALLY DID MAKE ME... RUN TO THE BRINK OF DEATH...

...I'LL PROBABLY STARVE TO DEATH BY MORNING.

FWUMP

TO EAT SOMETHING... NEW..

I WANTED ...

HEE

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

WHOOSH

GYAAAAA!

WHUMP

IT'S...

AH !!

...BREAD !!

...THAT'S ALL THERE WAS, BUT I SET IT ASIDE...

ANYWAY... YOU'D BETTER DRINK SOME WATER FIRST...

GOD?

HUH?!

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING ?

CHFF

GOD!

YIPE!

GRAB

HEY!

I-IF YOU DON'T KEEP IT DOWN ...

CHFF

ARE YOU ?!

WHAT ?

ARE YOU GOD ?!

ME?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

AND YOU.

HEY, IT'S THE POTATO GIRL.

CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP

UM... THIS GIRL'S BEEN RUNNING ALL DAY, SO...

YOU'RE TRYING TO DO A "GOOD DEED," AREN'T YOU?

HEY...

GIRL ...

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE FEEDING A PET BEHIND YOUR PARENTS' BACKS...

I'VE BEEN IRRITATED EVER SINCE I SAW YOU PALM THE DINNER BREAD...

ZZZZ

DID THE SENSE OF ACCOMPLISH-MENT OR HIGH-MINDEDNESS COMPENSATE FOR THE TROUBLE YOU WENT TO?

BUT DID YOU DO IT FOR THE POTATO GIRL?

WHAT ...?

LIKE I KNOW!

HUH?!

RIGHT...?

...BECAUSE I WANT TO BE THOUGHT OF AS HELPFUL..

I WANTED TO DO THIS...

I...

WELL, SHE'D BE PRETTY HEAVY FOR YOU.

WHA?!

ANYWAY... LET'S GET POTATO GIRL TO BED.

SO I CAN DEMAND GRATITUDE LATER... I CAN RELY ON HER STUPIDITY.

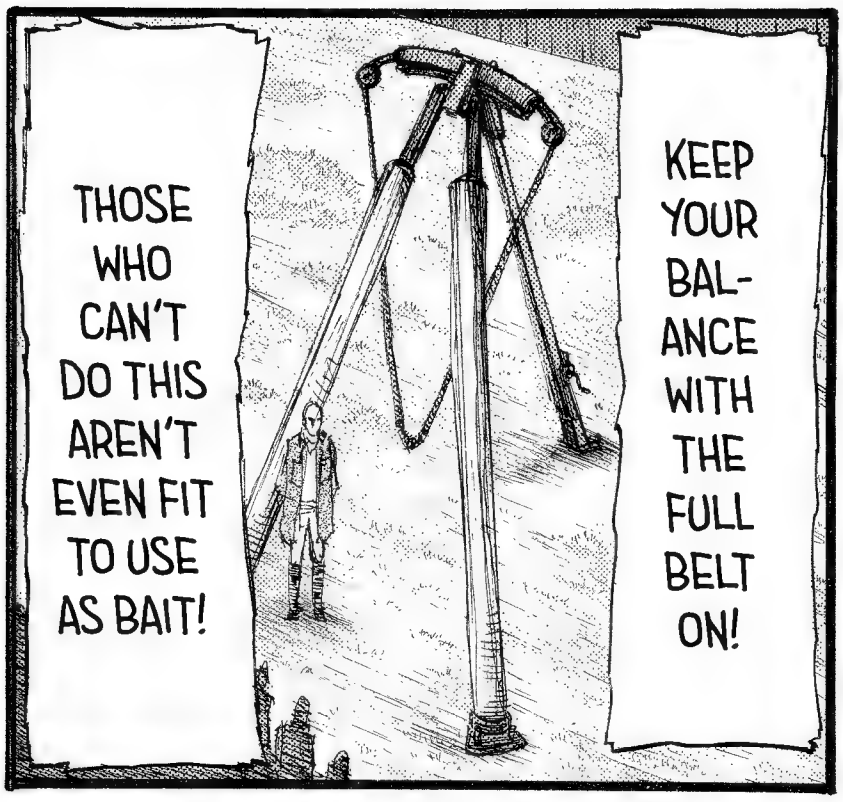
...DOING A "GOOD DEED"?

WHY ARE **YOU**...

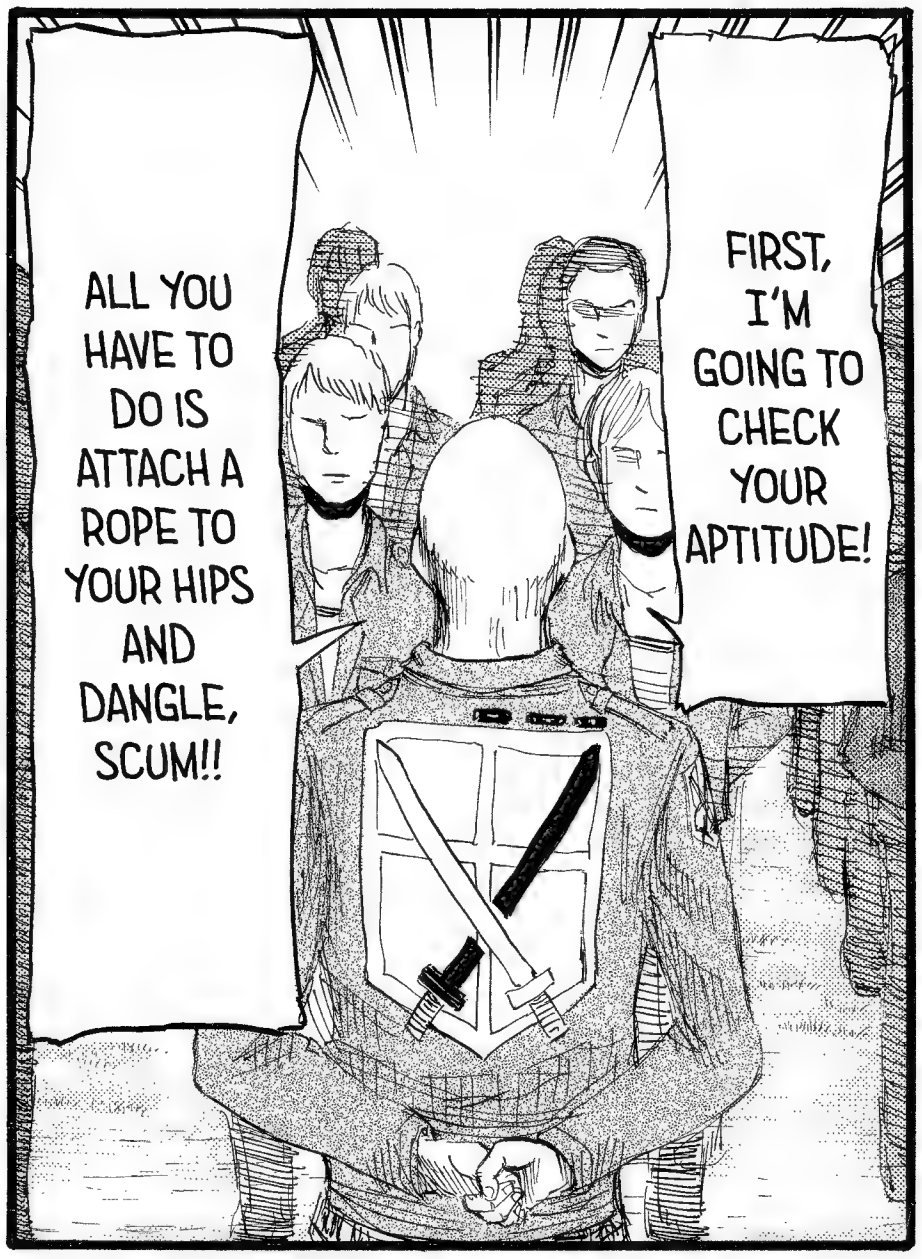
UM...

...

FWOOOOOOO


THOSE WHO CAN'T DO THIS AREN'T EVEN FIT TO USE AS BAIT!
KEEP YOUR BAL-ANCE WITH THE FULL BELT ON!

I'LL SEND YOU TO A SETTLE-MENT!


ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ATTACH A ROPE TO YOUR HIPS AND DANGLE, SCUM!!
FIRST, I'M GOING TO CHECK YOUR APTITUDE!

MM ...

CHFF CHFF

THIS IS THE FIRST BABY STEP, BUT FROM THIS STAGE, YOU CAN ALREADY SEE WHO HAS AN APTITUDE FOR VERTICAL MANEUVERING.

LOOKS LIKE SHE ALREADY GETS WHAT TO DO... THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL NATURAL APTITUDE.

SHE ISN'T QUIVER-ING IN THE LEAST...

LOOK AT THAT GIRL...

...THERE ARE QUITE A FEW WHO CAN DO IT THIS TIME.

MM... LOOKS LIKE...

IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE...

...ANOTHER KIND OF NATURAL APTITUDE.

WHAT ABOUT HIM?

UM ...

...THERE'LL BE SOMETHING YOU'RE WORSE AT THAN ANYBODY ELSE.

RIGHT YOURSELF !!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, EREN YEAGER ?!

...GET BACK UP?

HOW DO I...

TH-THUMP

WHAT'S THIS ...?

TH-THUMP

HUH ...?

TH-THUMP

IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS...

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...

TH-THUMP

ATTACK on TITAN

FWOOO

DON'T TRY TO GET FANCY.

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT IF YOU STICK TO THE BASICS.

YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU JUST RELAX.

EVEN I MANAGED IT, AND I HAVE NO COORDINATION AT ALL.

STIFFEN THE MUSCLES OF YOUR UPPER BODY, AND LET YOUR LOWER BODY HANG LOOSE.

JUST KEEP YOUR BALANCE, WHILE SLOWLY SHIFTING YOUR WEIGHT TO THE BELTS ON YOUR WAIST AND LEGS.

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

HERE YOU GO!

LIFT ME UP, ARMIN!

...I HAVE A FEELING I'LL GET IT THIS TIME.

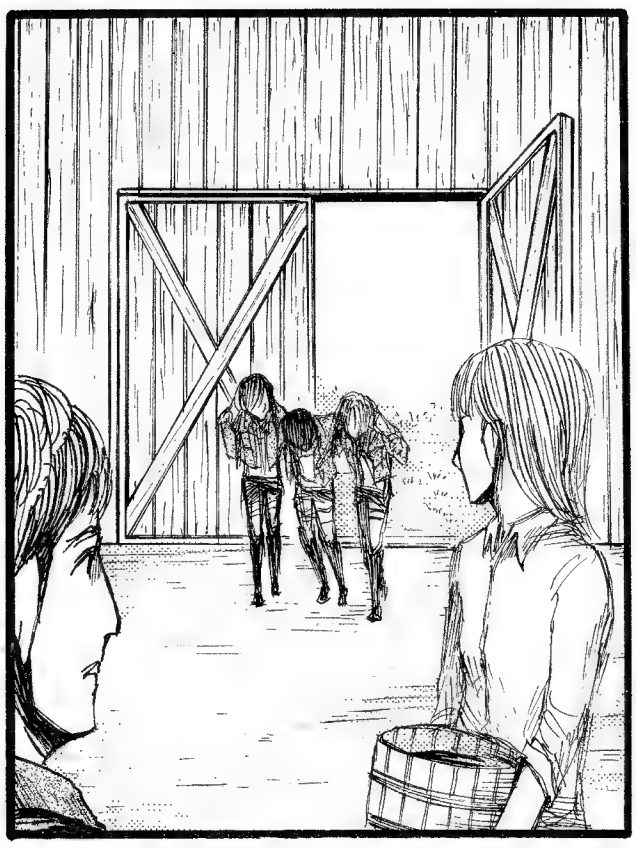
HUH ?!

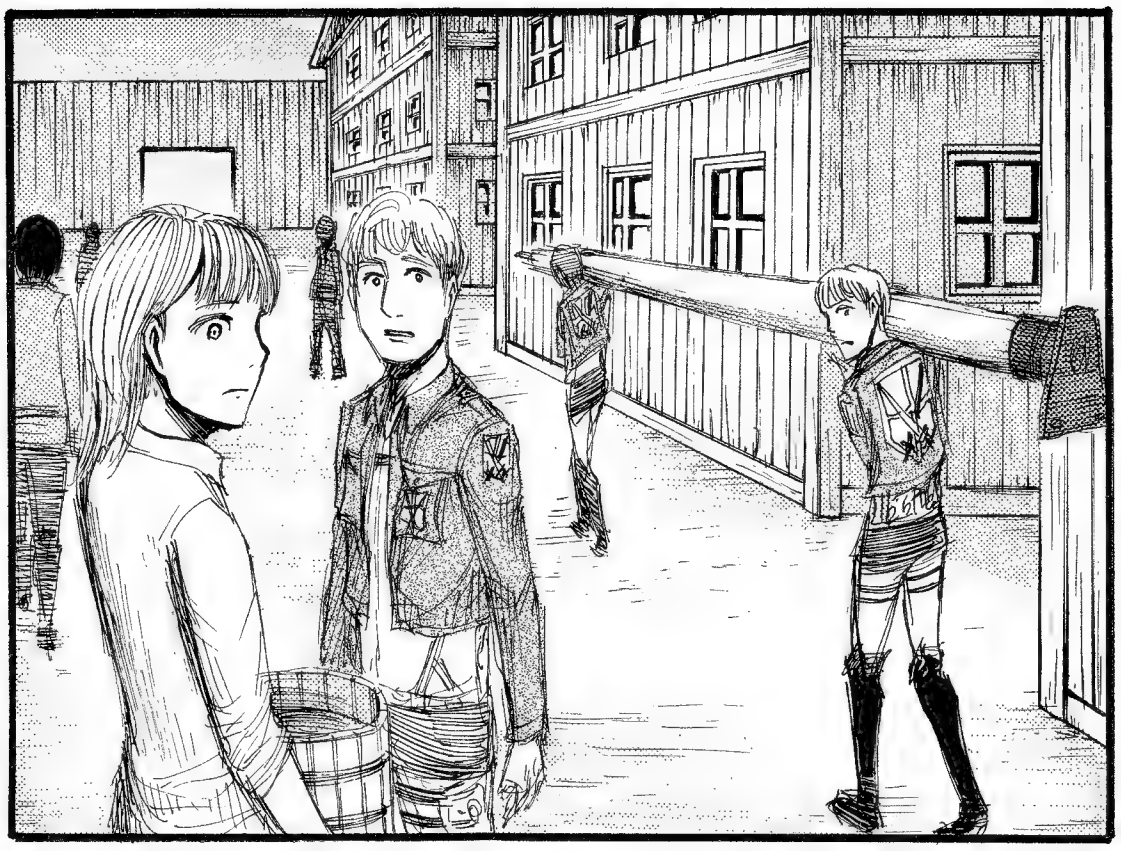
SHAKE

SHAKE

AH!

KRAK





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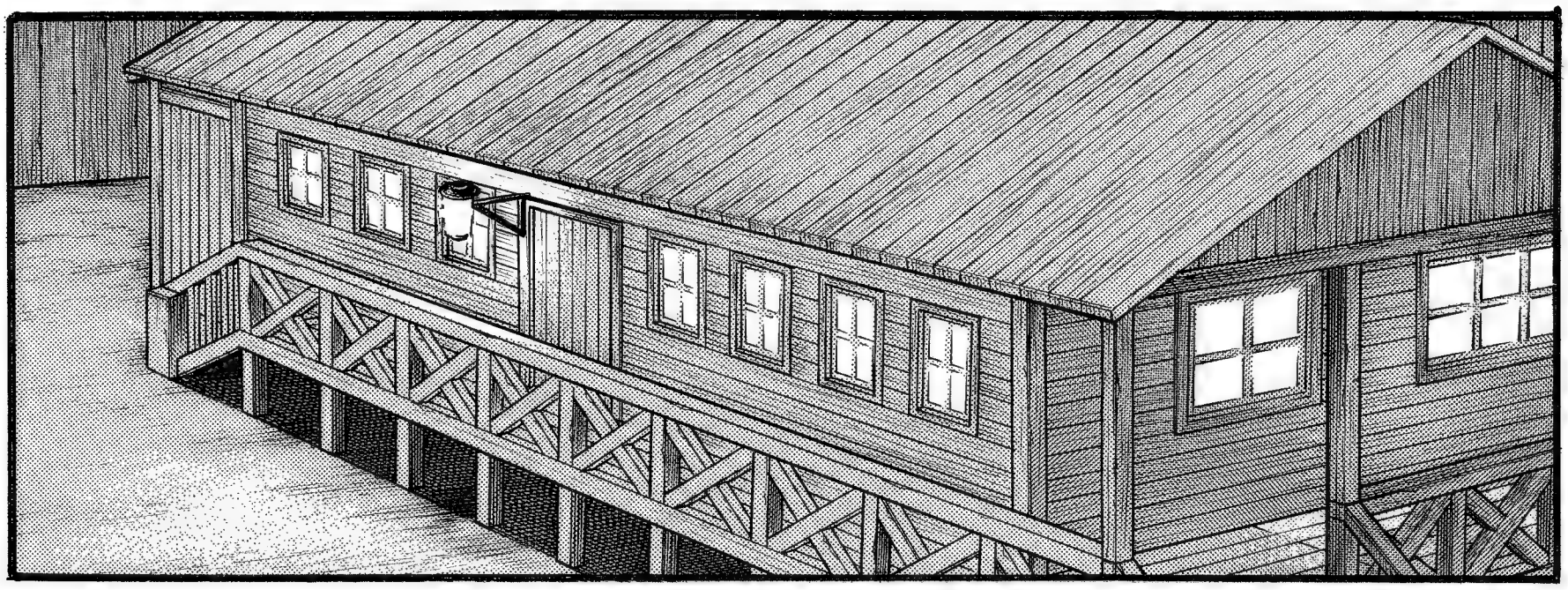


HEY... LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T THAT GUY...

BUZZ BUZZ

...SAY THAT HE WAS GONNA WIPE OUT THE TITANS?

AND HE'S ALREADY ALMOST KILLED HIMSELF ON STEP ONE, POSTURE CONTROL TRAINING!

BUZZ BUZZ

TELL ME ABOUT IT... HOW'S IT POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE NOT TO GRASP THAT?

BUZZ

HOW THE HELL DOES HE PLAN ON SLAUGHTERING THE TITANS ANYWAY?

EREN ...

GOOD! THERE'S NO REASON TO WASTE FOOD ON HIM!

EREN ...

ZA SHAKE

ZA SHAKE

YOU GOT ME...BUT AT THIS RATE, HE'LL BE KICKED OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE EVEN GETS A SHOT AT IT.

EREN !

OW!

GULP GULP

...

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT SO YOUR BODY WILL MAKE MORE BLOOD TO REPLACE WHAT YOU LOST TODAY.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET IT DOWN TOMORROW.

THERE'S NO SENSE LETTING THEM GET TO YOU.

...TO-MOR-ROW...

IF I CAN'T DO IT TOMOR-ROW...

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

I'M TELLING YOU, THERE'S NO SENSE IN GETTING WORKED UP OVER IT NOW...

IT'S PA-THET-IC...

HOW AM I EVER GOING TO...

...HUH?!

HM?

...ERADICATE THEM LIKE THIS?

YOU SHOULDN'T SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THAT ANYWAY.

IF YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR IT, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

BECAUSE AT THIS RATE, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO DIE IN VAIN.

AND ALL YOUR DREAMS AND EFFORTS WILL BE FOR NOTHING.

...

WHA...?

WHAT'D YOU SAY...?

I'M SAYING YOU SHOULDN'T AIM TO BE A SOLDIER.

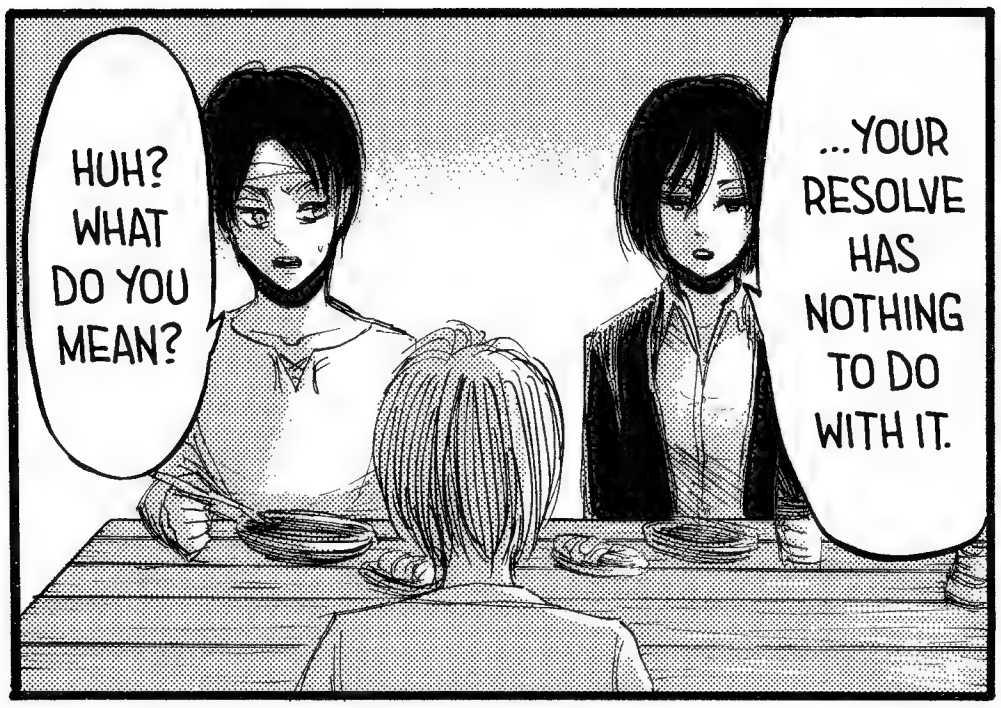
YOU CAN ALWAYS SUPPORT THE HUMAN RACE BY BEING A PRODUCER.

LAYING DOWN YOUR LIFE ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT.

H-HOW CAN YOU...?

YOU KNOW WHAT I SAW THAT DAY...

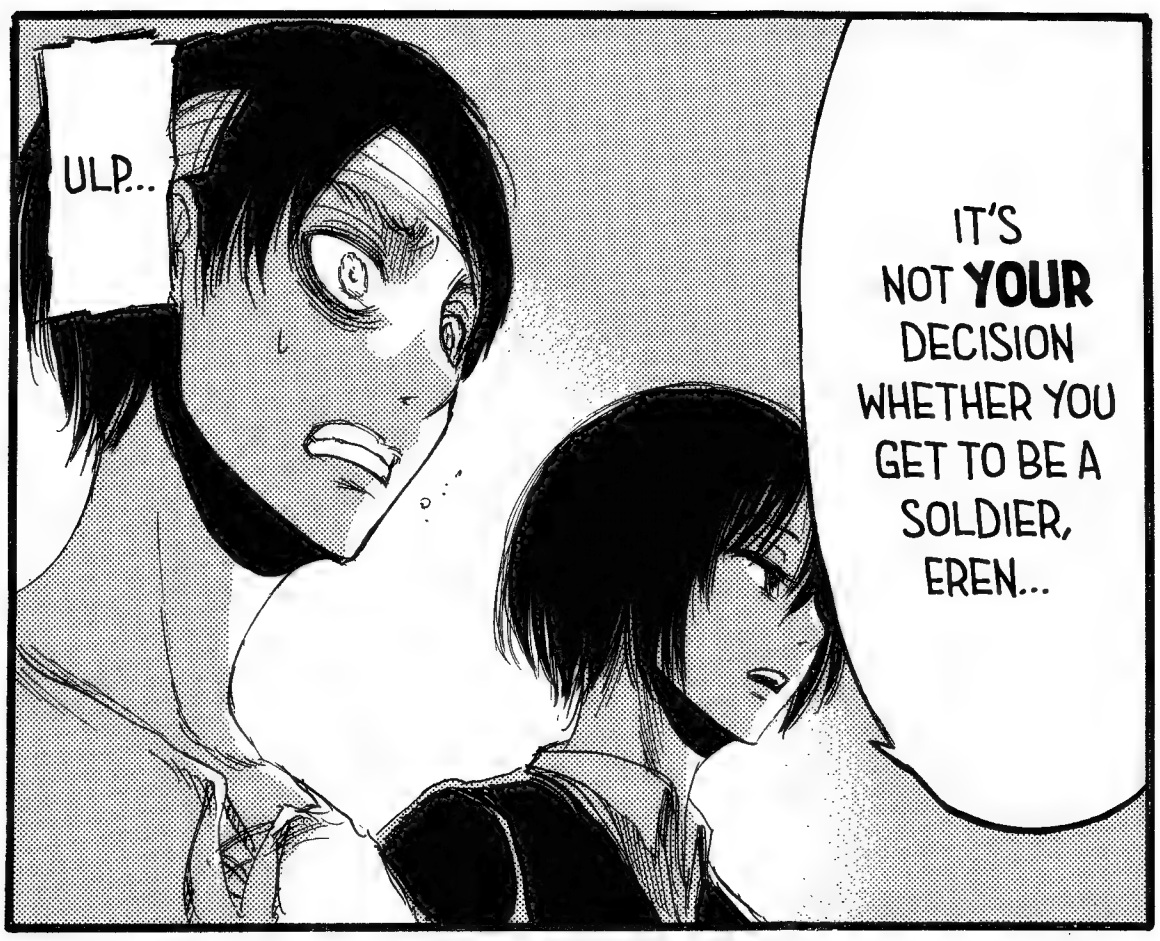
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT ARGUMENT'S GOING TO CHANGE MY MIND?


HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...YOUR RESOLVE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

BUT ...

...

JERK!
I KNOW THAT ALREADY...!


ULP...
IT'S NOT **YOUR** DECISION WHETHER YOU GET TO BE A SOLDIER, EREN...

WHAT I'M SAYING MUST SEEM RIDICULOUS TO YOU...

SHE'S RIGHT... I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING...

THE TRUTH IS THAT IF I CAN'T DO IT, I'M OUT OF HERE...

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

RATTLE

RATTLE

...!

AFTER ALL, YOU MASTER EVERYTHING ON THE FIRST TRY!

CLANG

CLANG CLANG

S-SURE.

ARMIN, LET'S GO.

I'D GO WITH YOU, SO...

I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO GO BACK TO THE SETTLE-MENT ALONE, EREN...

SO...

SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

MM?
UM...
THAT MEANS ...
IT'S OKAY IF I EAT THAT, RIGHT?
CLATTER
CLATTER

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA DRAW WATER FOR ME AND KRISTA?

W-WHAT?!

RATTLE

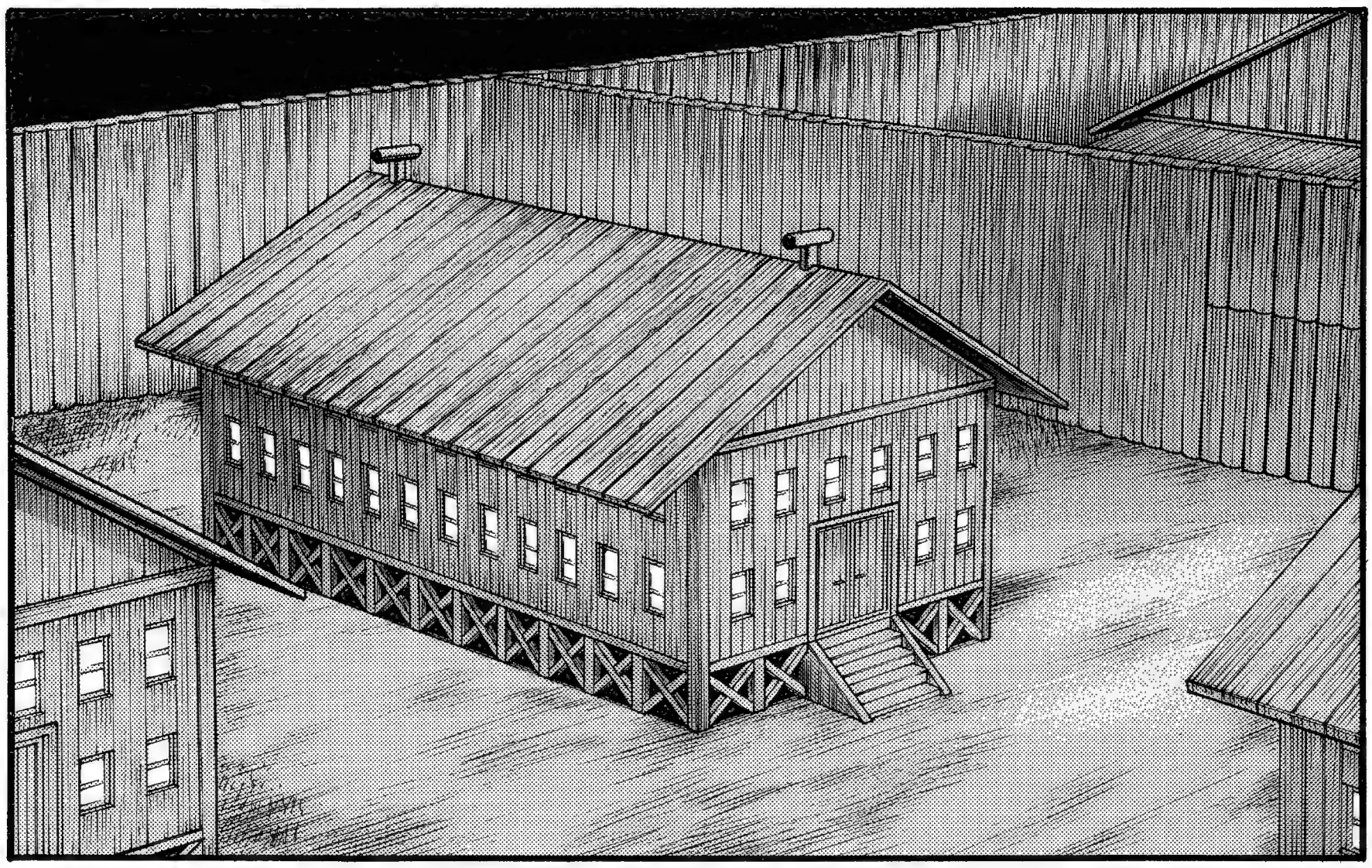
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SASHA?!

...

Y-YOU CAN'T USE HER LIKE THAT...

I DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE SAVING YOUR LIFE, DID I?

R-RIGHT! I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, MY BENE-FACTOR AND GOD... HEH-HEH-HEH...



ALL I CAN SAY IS, "FEEL IT."

SORRY, BUDDY, BUT I'M JUST A NATURAL.

A TRICK TO IT?

TELL ME THE SECRET TO KEEPING YOUR SANITY AFTER DISGRACING YOURSELF IN PUBLIC LIKE THAT!

HEY, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME?

FORGET CONNIE AND JEAN. THOSE TWO GUYS OVER THERE ALSO GOT HIGH MARKS.

I THINK THEIR NAMES ARE...

G-GUYS, I'M SERIOUSLY ASKING FOR YOUR HELP HERE...

OKAY, OKAY ...

CHATTER

CHATTER CHATTER

HMMM... THE TRICK TO POSTURE CONTROL ...?

PLEASE!

I HEARD YOU GUYS WERE GREAT AT IT...

BERTOLT...

REINER ...

I SEE...

YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO BET ON TOMOR-ROW...

...

SORRY... BUT I DON'T THINK YOU NEED A TRICK TO JUST DANGLE THERE.

I DON'T THINK I HAVE THE WORDS OF WISDOM YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

YEAH... THAT'S RIGHT...

YOU TWO ARE FROM SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, AREN'T YOU?

SO I DON'T GET WHY YOU WANNA BE SOLDIERS.

THEN YOU PROBABLY KNOW HOW SCARY THE TITANS ARE.

IT'S NOT THAT I EXPERIENCED THE TITAN MENACE DIRECTLY.

OR EVEN THAT I WAS LEFT AT A SETTLE-MENT...

UM...

I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN MY OWN PHYSICAL STRENGTH... I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...

BUT WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT THE MONARCHY RAMMING THROUGH THAT SUICIDAL WALL RECAPTURE OPERATION, I CAN'T SIT STILL...

...WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING.

BUT I CAN'T JUST KEEP QUIET AND WATCH...

WHERE YOU GUYS ARE FROM?

CAN I ASK...

I'M PRETTY MUCH THE SAME WAY...

I-I SEE ...

...ARE FROM A VILLAGE DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTHEAST OF WALL MARIA.

REINER AND I...

...

IN FACT, WE FIRST LEARNED ABOUT IT WHEN THE TITANS CAME.

YEAH... UNLIKE THE THRIVING TOWNS ALONG THE RIVER, WE DIDN'T GET WORD RIGHT AWAY THAT THE WALL WAS BROKEN.

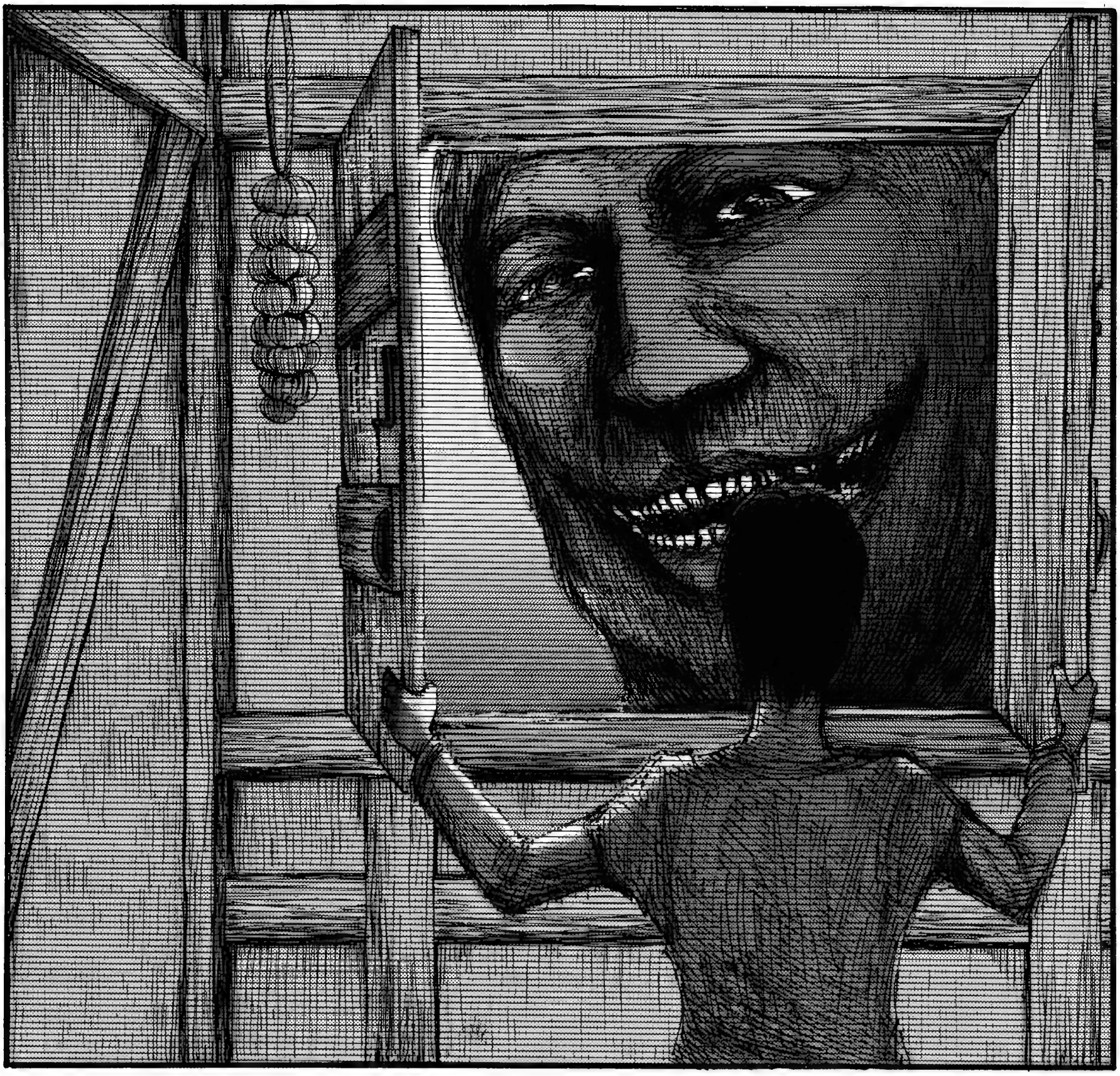
WHAT?! THAT'S ...

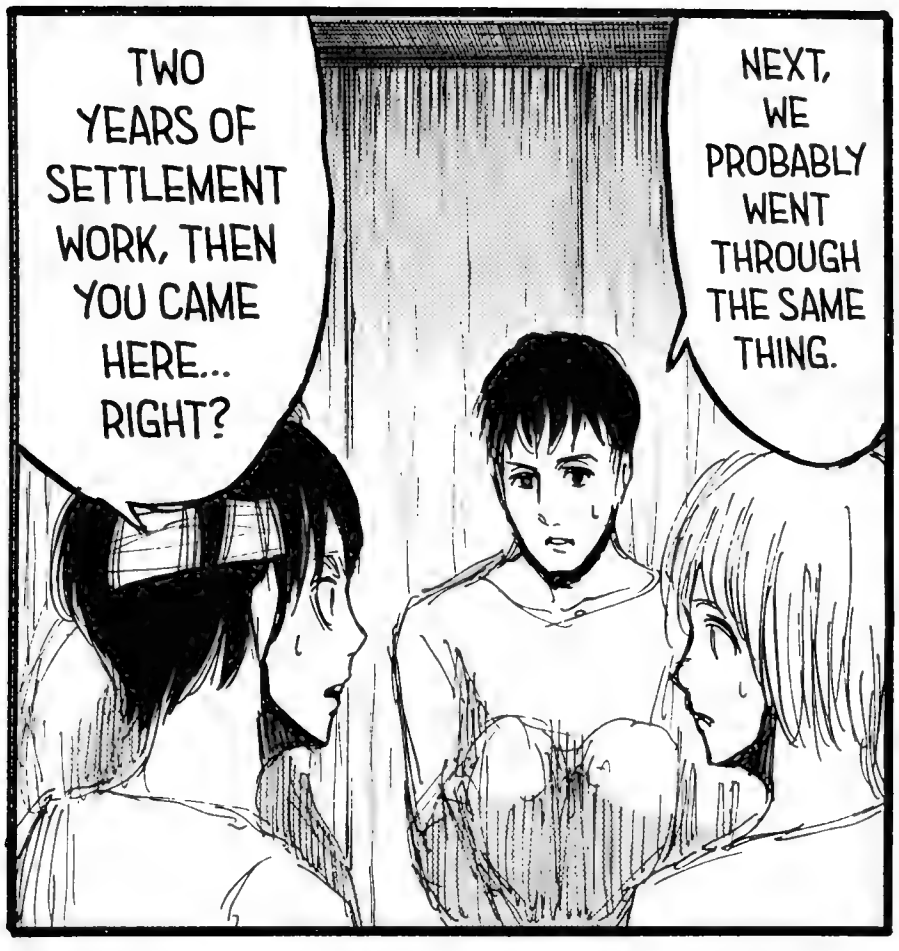
...!!

I'D NEVER HEARD THE GROUND RUMBLE LIKE THAT BEFORE, AND IT KEPT GETTING LOUDER...

REALIZING IT WAS FOOTSTEPS, I HURRIED TO THE WINDOW AND OPENED IT--

IT WAS DAWN... THE LIVESTOCK WERE MAKING A HUGE RACKET.




TWO YEARS OF SETTLEMENT WORK, THEN YOU CAME HERE... RIGHT?
NEXT, WE PROBABLY WENT THROUGH THE SAME THING.

AFTER THAT... UM, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER. EVERYBODY WAS PANICKING.
BUT WE GOT ON HORSES AND ESCAPED TO WALL SHEENA.

...YOU GUYS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THEM.

THEM?

UM... MY POINT WAS...

S-SORRY...

JEEZ... WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THAT FOR?

THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE HERE BECAUSE IT'S THE THING TO DO...

THE ONES HERE WHO DON'T KNOW THE TERROR OF THE TITANS.

STILL, FORGET ABOUT THE SURVEY CORPS. EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE IN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, BUT IF THEY CAN'T, THEY'LL OPT FOR THE GARRISON AND TRY TO GET TRANSFERRED INTO THE BRIGADE...

...YOU'LL BE SWEPT UP IN THE MILITARY CRAZE AFTER THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, AND BECOME A TRAINEE SOLDIER.

BECAUSE IF YOU'RE A PRODUCER GOING ON 12, EVEN IF YOU'RE A WEAK-KNEED COWARD...

HUH?

I'M JUST AS COWARDLY AS THEY ARE.

I'M ATHLETIC, SO I CHOSE TO BE A SOLDIER, THINKING I'D USE MY SKILL TO BECOME AN ELITE MP.

AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT, I MIGHT JUST CHUCK IT ALL...

I'VE GOT...

...NO WILL OF MY OWN.

WELL, YOU DID GO THROUGH A LOT...

AND PROTECTING YOUR OWN LIFE IS ADMIRABLE, TOO.

I ENVY YOU... FOR HAVING SOMETHING THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN YOUR OWN LIFE...

I'VE BEEN SAYING I WANNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS SINCE BEFORE THE WALL CAME DOWN...

PEOPLE JUST THOUGHT I HAD A SCREW LOOSE.

SO I'M THE CRAZY ONE...

MM ...?

THEN ...

...EVEN AFTER ENCOUN-TERING THE TITANS ...

...YOU DIDN'T CHANGE YOUR MIND?

WELL... RIGHT NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN ACTUALLY BECOME A SOLDIER...

AND I'M PLENTY TERRIFIED OF THEM. BUT WHAT'S STRONGER THAN THAT...

...IS MY NEED TO KILL THEM.

EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM...

...

I HAVE SOME-THING, TOO...

SOMETHING I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO DO...

I HAVE TO GO BACK HOME, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO GO HOME TO.

THAT PURPOSE IS ALL THAT'S LEFT INSIDE ME...

ALL RIGHT ...

I WILL GO BACK... NO MATTER WHAT.

YOU'LL DO FINE TOMORROW...

...

START BY READJUSTING THE BELTS AND TRY AGAIN.

YEAH. THANKS...

...REINER BRAUN, RIGHT?

I KNOW YOU'VE GOT IT IN YOU...

...EREN YEAGER, IS IT?

FWOOOOO

EREN YEAGER ...

ARE YOU READY?

CONTROL OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR IS THE BARE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO BE A SOLDIER.

IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE SETTLEMENT... UNDER-STAND?

YES, SIR!

I MAY NOT BE A NATURAL...

I KNOW I CAN DO THIS!!

I CAN DO THIS!

CREAK

BEGIN.

...BUT NO ONE BEATS ME WHEN IT COMES TO WILLPOWER!

BUT THAT'S ALL I HAVE!

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH LOGIC!

AND I CAN'T BACK IT UP!

THAT'S MY WEAPON!

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK

OOH!!

CREAK

CREAK

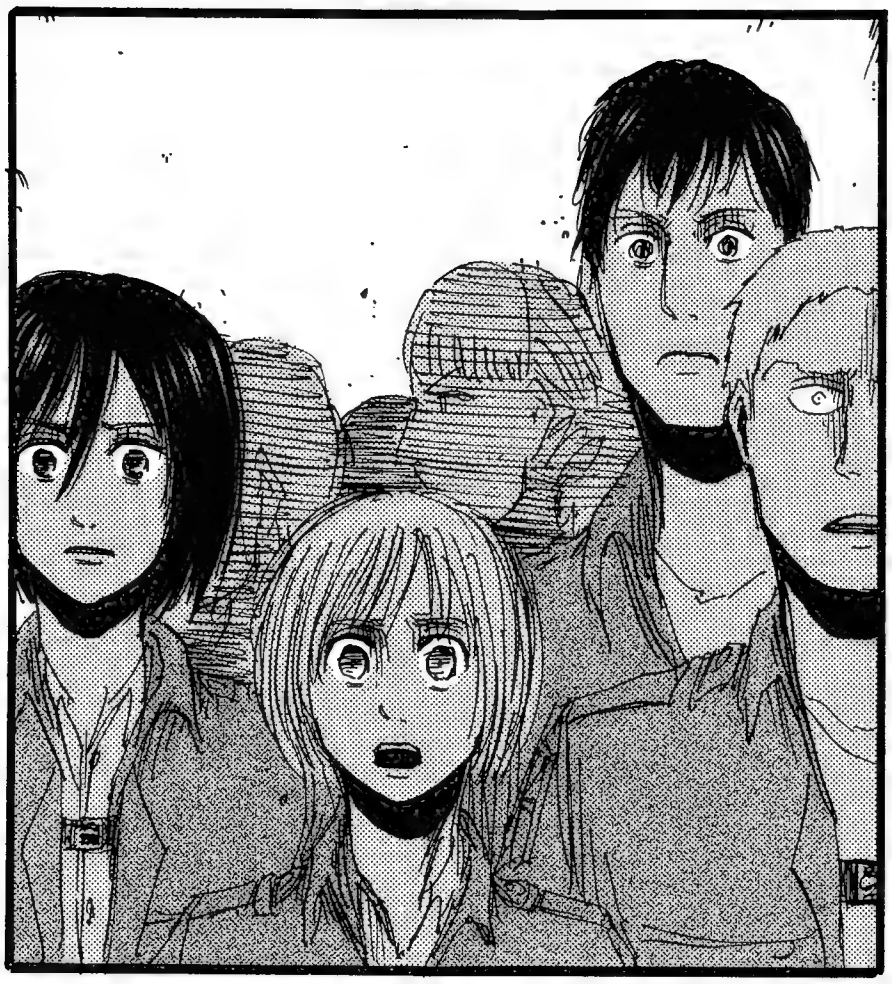
I DID IT!!

CREAK

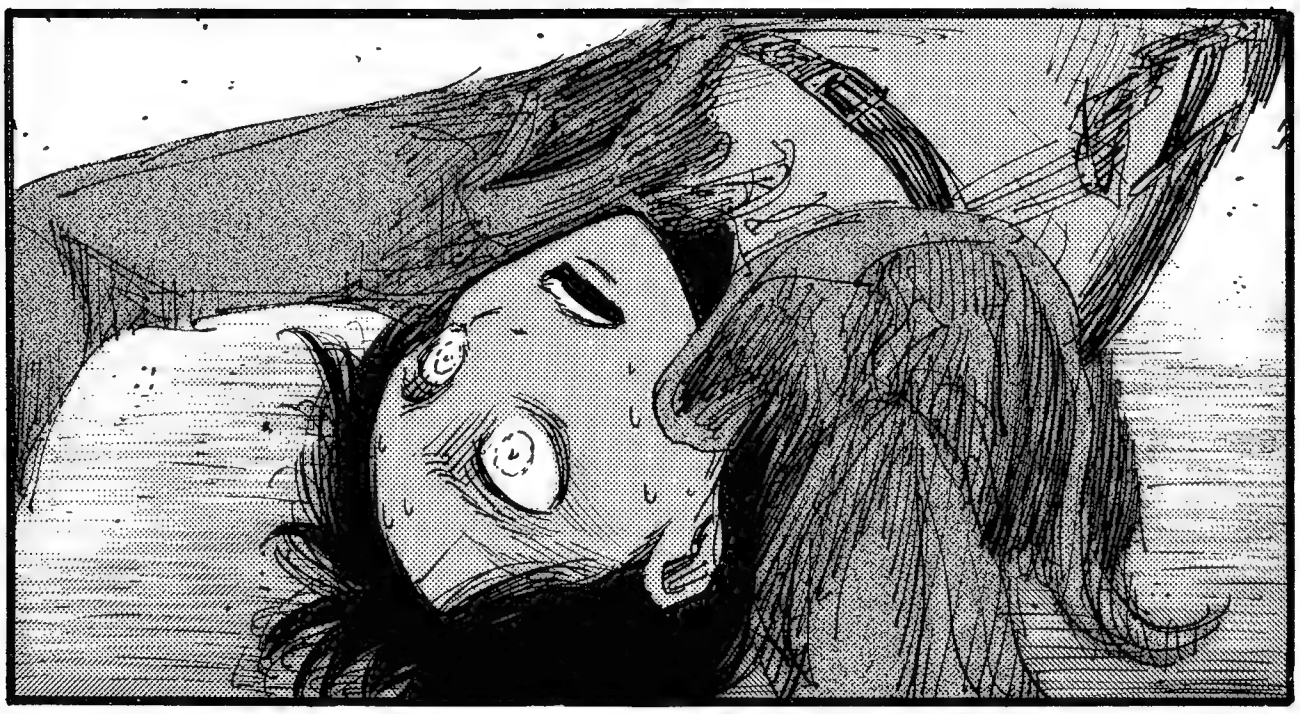
CREAK

I'M DOING IT...

CREAK



ACK !!
SAN
CLANG
WHOK



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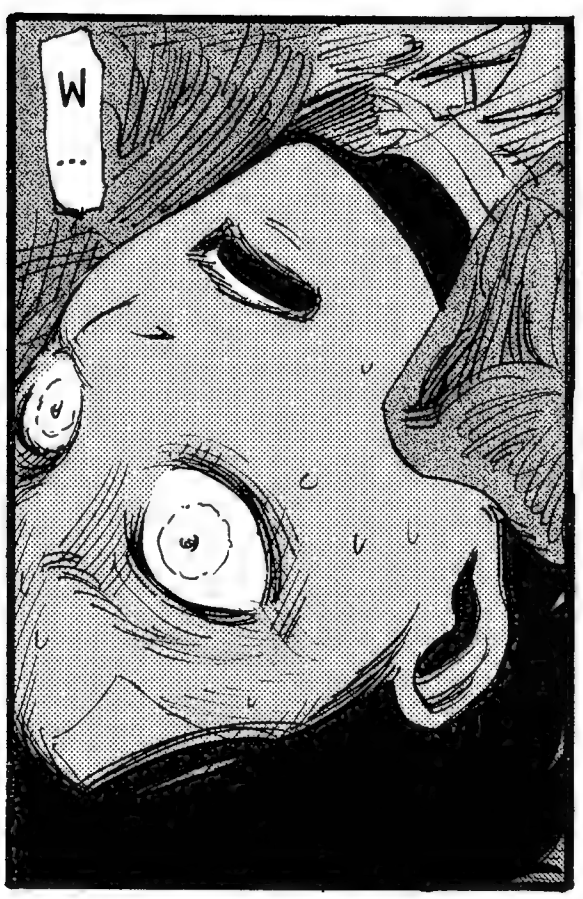
GET HIM DOWN.
FLAIL
WAIT ...!
FLAIL


W ...

BRING HIM DOWN, NOW!

I CAN ...

FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL

N-NOT YET !!

FWOOOOO

I...

TRADE BELTS WITH YEAGER.

YES, SIR!

WAGNER ...

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

SUDDENLY... I CAN DO IT...

WHY ?!

W...

CREAK

CREAK

NORMALLY, YOU'RE SUSPENDED FROM THE WAIST, SO EVEN IF YOU FLIP OVER, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HIT YOUR HEAD ON THE GROUND.

THE METAL FITTING IN THE BELT YOU WERE USING WAS BROKEN.

CREAK

DE-FECTIVE EQUIP-MENT.

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

WHA ...?!

CREAK

...BUT YOU'LL NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE MAINTENANCE DONE ON YOUR EQUIPMENT.

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ONE OF THESE BREAKING BEFORE...

HUH?

ギ

CREAK

NO PROBLEM. ...KEEP PRACTICING.

...

...MY APTI-TUDE SCORE ...

TH-THEN ...

I DID IT!

FWSH

HOW ABOUT THAT, MIKASA?!

I DID IT!

...!

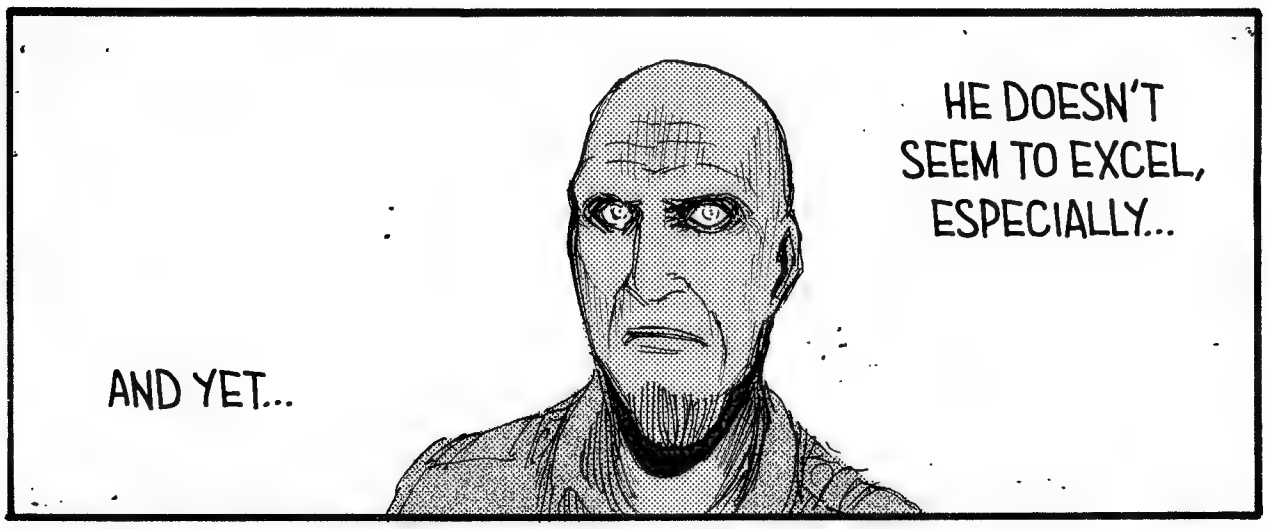
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ME AGAIN!!

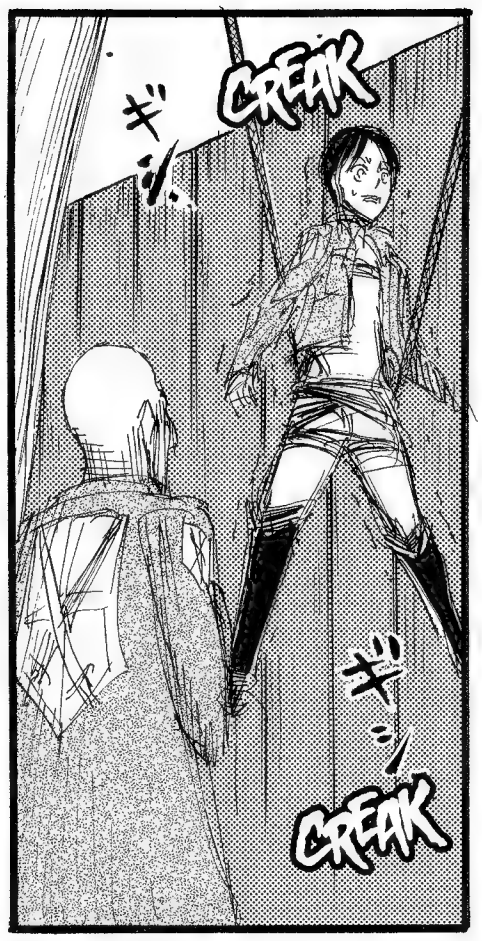
I CAN FIGHT THE TITANS!!

I CAN DO IT!

HE'S RELIEVED, BECAUSE NOW HE WON'T HAVE TO BE SEPARATED FROM ME...

WRONG.
HIS EYES ARE SAYING, "WHAT'D YOU THINK OF THIS?!"
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GETTING IT...


HE DOESN'T SEEM TO EXCEL, ESPECIALLY...
AND YET...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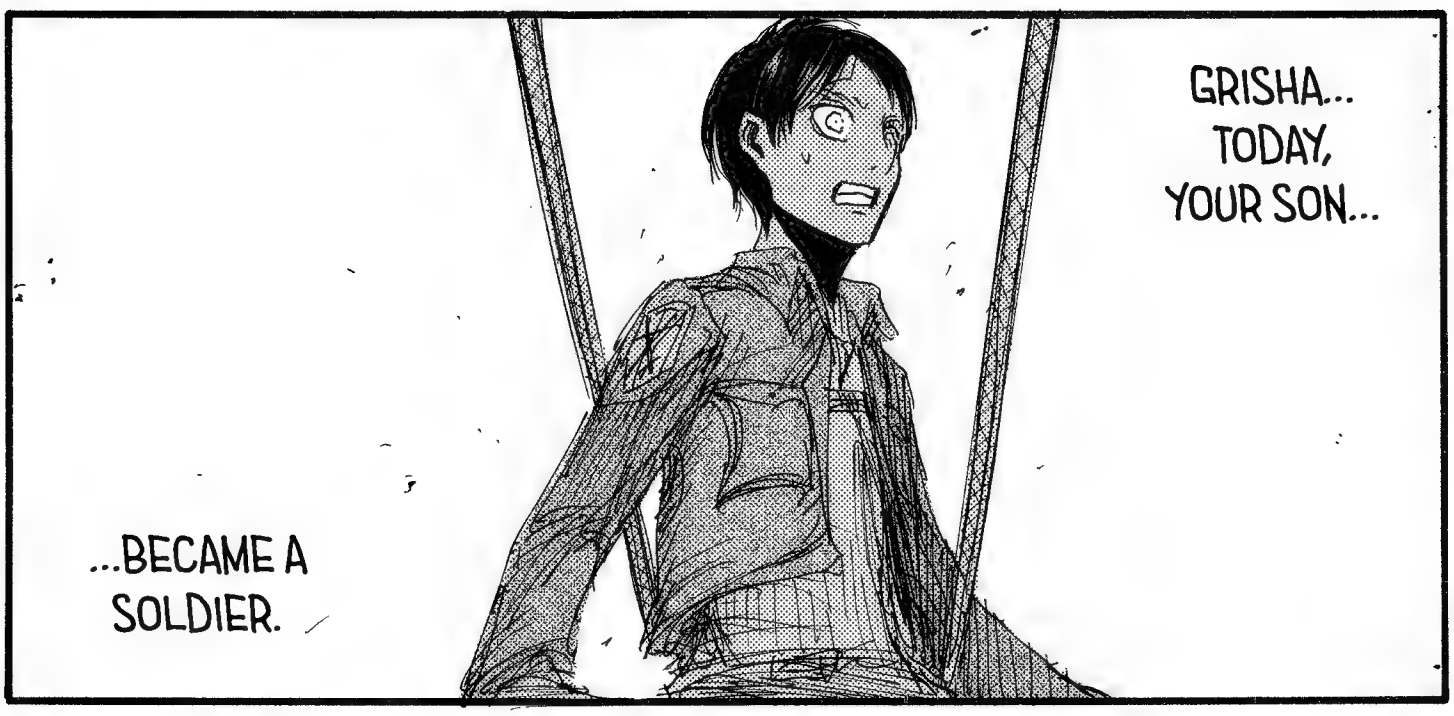
COULD ANYONE ELSE HAVE DONE THAT...?
...FOR A FEW MOMENTS THERE, HE MAINTAINED HIS BALANCE WITH THIS BROKEN EQUIPMENT.


GRISHA... TODAY, YOUR SON...
...BECAME A SOLDIER.

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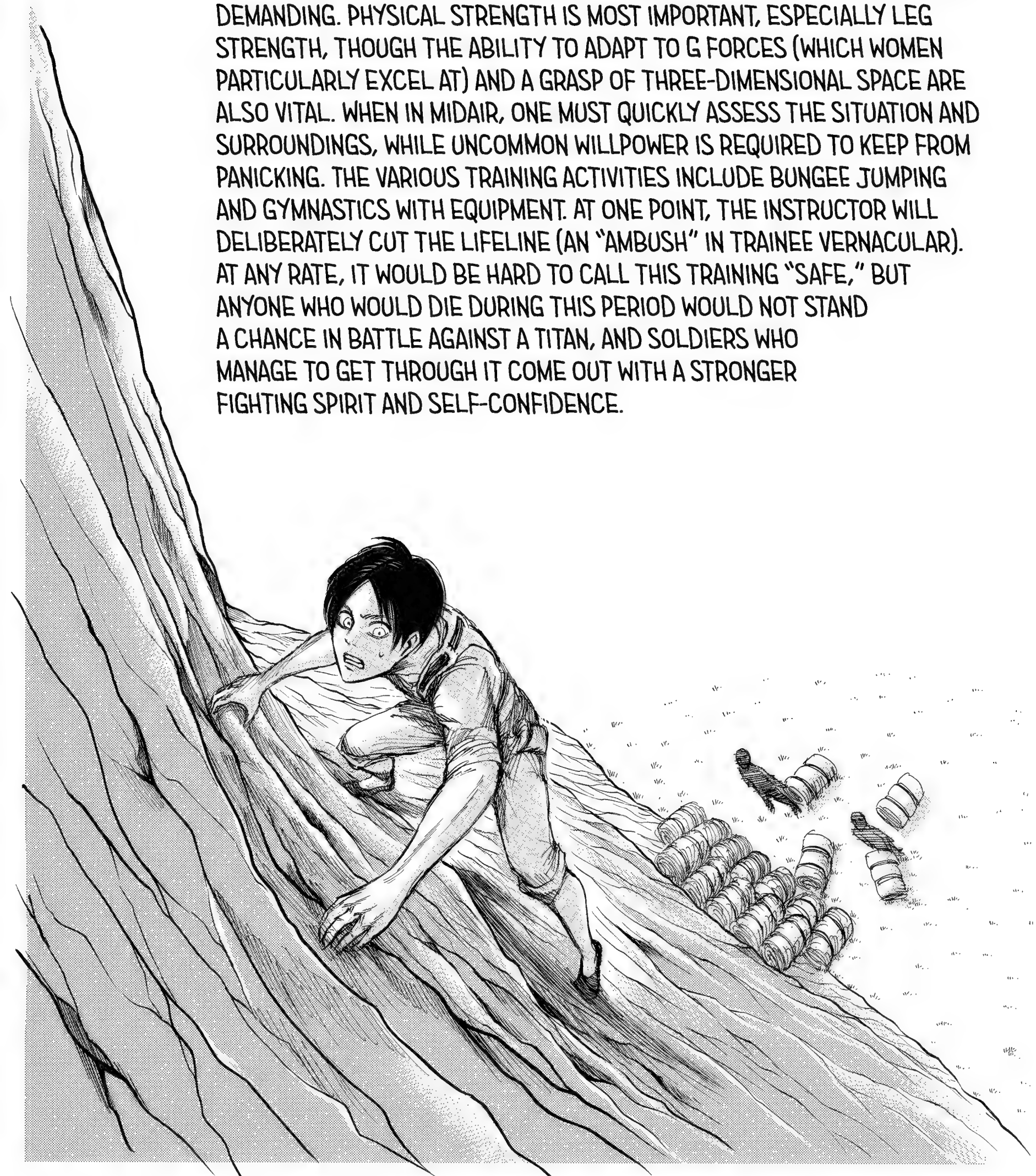
8. Vertical Maneuvering Equipment Training

HUMANS MOVE IN TWO DIMENSIONS, SO VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT TRAINING, IN WHICH THEY MUST ADAPT TO THREE DIMENSIONS, IS EXTREMELY DEMANDING. PHYSICAL STRENGTH IS MOST IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY LEG STRENGTH, THOUGH THE ABILITY TO ADAPT TO G FORCES (WHICH WOMEN PARTICULARLY EXCEL AT) AND A GRASP OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL SPACE ARE ALSO VITAL. WHEN IN MIDAIR, ONE MUST QUICKLY ASSESS THE SITUATION AND SURROUNDINGS, WHILE UNCOMMON WILLPOWER IS REQUIRED TO KEEP FROM PANICKING. THE VARIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BUNGEE JUMPING AND GYMNASTICS WITH EQUIPMENT. AT ONE POINT, THE INSTRUCTOR WILL DELIBERATELY CUT THE LIFELINE (AN "AMBUSH" IN TRAINEE VERNACULAR). AT ANY RATE, IT WOULD BE HARD TO CALL THIS TRAINING "SAFE," BUT ANYONE WHO WOULD DIE DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD NOT STAND A CHANCE IN BATTLE AGAINST A TITAN, AND SOLDIERS WHO MANAGE TO GET THROUGH IT COME OUT WITH A STRONGER FIGHTING SPIRIT AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.



(WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA)

DAK-DAK

DASH

HNGH !!

SWISH

GRAB

Episode 17: Delusions of Strength

WHUMP

Two years after beginning training

YOU'RE USED TO GRAP-PLING, AREN'T YOU?

SORRY ... I'VE GOT BAD CON-TROL.

YEESH... I THOUGHT I WAS TOO BIG FOR YOU TO FLIP ONTO THE GROUND...

OW... C'MON, THIS TIME YOU BE THE BAD GUY.

GHK

IT'S NOT LIKE SOLDIERS FIGHT **PEOPLE.**

STILL... I DON'T GET THIS TRAIN-ING.

HUH ...

BACK WHEN I LIVED IN THE CITY, I PLAYED WITH THIS HUGE KID...

IN THE FIRST PLACE, ONLY A FOOL WOULD GO AFTER AN ATTACKER BARE-HANDED.

DON'T LET THE INSTRUC-TOR HEAR YOU SAY THAT...

AND THESE COMBAT SKILLS... EVEN IF THEY WORKED IN REAL LIFE, IT'D JUST BE SHEER LUCK.

WE DON'T LEARN ANYTHING USING A WOODEN KNIFE.

OF ALL THE IRRE-SPON-SIBLE ...

OKAY, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IN THAT SITUA-TION?

RUN AWAY, OF COURSE!

...IT USUALLY DOESN'T END WELL.

THE TRUTH IS...

...

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.

BUT I STILL THINK IT'S IRRESPON-SIBLE.

IT'S NOT CHILD'S PLAY.

...

WE'RE SOLDIERS, AREN'T WE?

WHEN THE PEOPLE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT ARE THREATENED, WE HAVE TO ENTER THE FRAY AND SHIELD THEM.

THERE ARE TIMES WE CAN'T RUN AWAY, NO MATTER HOW BAD THE ODDS ARE.

...OUR RE-SPON-SIBIL-ITY...

AS STRONG SOLDIERS.

I THINK THAT'S ...

AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO OR WHAT THE ENEMY IS. WE NEED TO MASTER SKILLS AND GET STRONGER, WITH ARTILLERY AS WELL AS HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.

I'M A KID WHO ONLY KNOWS HOW TO SPOUT OUT HIS OWN FEELINGS.

EVEN BACK THEN...

THE KID HERE ...

...IS ME.

...

MM?

HEY... LOOK AT HER...

MM ?

SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO LECTURE YOU LIKE SOME KNOW-IT-ALL...

BACK TO TRAIN-ING!

THE RESPONSI-BILITY THAT COMES WITH POWER... I'D NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

...

I'M GONNA TEACH ANNIE HOW TO DEAL WITH A DAGGER, TOO.

HUH ?

I'VE GOT IT, EREN.

THE INSTRUCTOR NEVER CATCHES HER SLACKING OFF.

OH... ANNIE ...

...ON HOW A SOLDIER SHOULD BEHAVE, AND I'LL BE THE ONE TO GIVE IT TO HER!

THAT SLOUCH IS THE ONE WHO REALLY NEEDS THE LECTURE...

...

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

...I SUGGEST YOU RECALL THE FIRST DAY YOU ARRIVED, AND GET SERIOUS.

BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET ANY SHORTER THAN YOU ALREADY ARE...

DO YOU LIKE THE INSTRUC-TOR'S HEAD-BUTTS?

ACK...!

...

GLANCE

HUH? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOU-

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO, EREN!

FWISH

SHE'S FURIOUS ...

SHE ALWAYS LOOKS TICKED OFF... BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO RIGHT NOW...

ANNIE ?

!

YOU REMEMBER HOW IT'S DONE?

WE'RE PRACTICING THE FORMAL WAY TO DEAL WITH AN EDGED WEAPON.

SHE

DASH

FUSH

HERE I COME !

TAP

KRAK

NH?!

WHUMP

!!

WOBBLE

CAN I GO NOW?

OW ...

THROB

YOU... KICKED MY LEG?

WHAT WAS THAT ?!

QUIVER QUIVER

NGAH ...

...HEY!! WAIT A SECOND!

NOT YET! WE TRAIN UNTIL YOU TAKE AWAY THE DAGGER FROM YOUR OPPONENT!

THERE'S A WAY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THIS!

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

ANNIE, WAIT!

CHFF

WHOA ...!!

...

MMGH !!

SHOVE

UNH !!

FWISH

KRAK

SPIN

WHAMP
HERE.
FWIP
!
...

DUN

DUN

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO ATTACK ME.

DUN

GET HER, REINER!

I'M ...

CHFF

N-NO ...

CHFF

...

YEAH... THERE ARE TIMES A SOLDIER CAN NEVER BACK DOWN.

THIS IS ONE OF 'EM.

...OF BEING A SOLDIER, RIGHT?

YOU'RE GONNA TEACH HER THE RESPONSI-BILITY...

!!

...

DONNNNG

...!

YOUR TECH-NIQUE'S INCRED-IBLE.

...

REINER'S NEARLY TWICE YOUR SIZE AND YOU SENT HIM FLYING...

...

MY FATHER...

...

SOMEBODY TAUGHT YOU, RIGHT?

NONE OF IT HAS ANY MEANING.

HUH?

IT DOESN'T MATTER...

...

DID HE COME UP WITH THOSE MOVES?

NOD

YOU MEAN THIS TRAINING? IT'S MEANING-LESS...?

...

LOOK AT HOW THE PASSIONATE APPLICANTS FOR INTERIOR DUTY, INCLUDING ME, TREAT IT...

THIS ONE-ON-ONE COMBAT DOESN'T COUNT FOR ANY POINTS.

THEY USE THIS TIME TO UNWIND AFTER THE ROUGH TRAINING EARLIER...

THE OTHERS EITHER TAKE IT REAL SERIOUSLY, LIKE YOU GUYS...

...OR ACT LIKE IDIOTS.

AH ...

FWISH

UH-OH! THE INSTRUC-TOR!

FWISH

GRAB

!!

ANYWAY... VERTICAL MANEUVERING SKILLS ARE WORTH A LOT OF POINTS, SO THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT.

SEE, I'M NOT AIMING TO BE A GREAT SOLDIER. I JUST WANT THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE INTERIOR.

WHY IS IT THAT IN THIS WORLD THE PEOPLE WITH THE BEST ABILITY TO OPPOSE THE TITANS GET THE PRIVILEGE OF STAYING FAR AWAY FROM THEM?
HOW D'YOU THINK IT GOT TO BE SUCH A FARCE?
MM ...
TREMBLE
!
GOOD QUESTION!
YANK
!
SHF
WHOA!
FWISH
PERHAPS IT'S HUMAN NATURE...?
WHUMP
UNH ...!

MY FATHER WAS LIKE YOU TWO...

CARRIED AWAY WITH IDEALS THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH REALITY...

EVEN AS A KID, I KNEW IT WAS CRAP... BUT DAD MADE ME LEARN THESE POINTLESS MOVES, AND I WAS TOO YOUNG TO DEFY HIM...

I REFUSE TO BE ONE OF THOSE MORONS...

SHE

...WHO ENJOYS PLAYING SOLDIER...

...IN THIS PATHETIC WORLD!

...

CHFF

SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE JUST NOT MEANT TO BE A SOLDIER...

CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER

...

OF COURSE, THAT KIND OF MOVE CAN'T BE PULLED OFF BY JUST ANYONE...

THAT WAY YOU USE THE INERTIA AND DON'T CONSUME AS MUCH FUEL.

AT TIMES LIKE THAT YOU SHOULD REV IT UP, JUST FOR A SECOND.

EREN'S RIGHT. BEFORE THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, VERTICAL MANEUVERING TECHNIQUES WERE ONLY NECESSARY FOR THE RELATIVELY FEW SOLDIERS IN THE SURVEY CORPS...

...SO NO INNOVATIONS WERE MADE AND THE PRACTICE WENT INTO DECLINE.

TO KEEP THE TECHNIQUES FROM DYING OUT, THEY HAD TO RAISE THEIR VALUE BY PROMISING PEOPLE A LIFE IN THE INTERIOR. BUT THEY'VE KEPT THAT UP EVEN AFTER WE LOST A WALL, SO NOW EVERYONE'S TRYING TO GET IN...

IT REALLY IS A FARCE...

EREN, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

THEY'RE THINKING UP WAYS TO BOOST TITAN-KILLING TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO STAY AWAY FROM THE TITANS...

AT THIS RATE, SOON THEY WILL ...

DOESN'T MEAN I WANT WORD TO GET AROUND! THEN COMPETI-TION'LL GET TOUGHER.

BUT JUST 'CAUSE I'M REALLY GOOD WITH VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING...

WHAT, EREN?

JEAN ...

HEY ...

THIS PLAN TO IMPROVE TITAN-KILLING TECHNIQUES BY PROMISING A LIFE FAR AWAY FROM THE TITANS ...

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S CRAZY?

DAMN IT...

AFTER ALL, THEY KEEP THIS STUPID PLAN AROUND FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME.

BUT THAT'S REALITY, SO ALL I CAN DO IS GO WITH THE FLOW.

...

WELL... YOU MAY HAVE A POINT...

WELL, DON'T COMPLAIN TO ME...

I MEAN ...

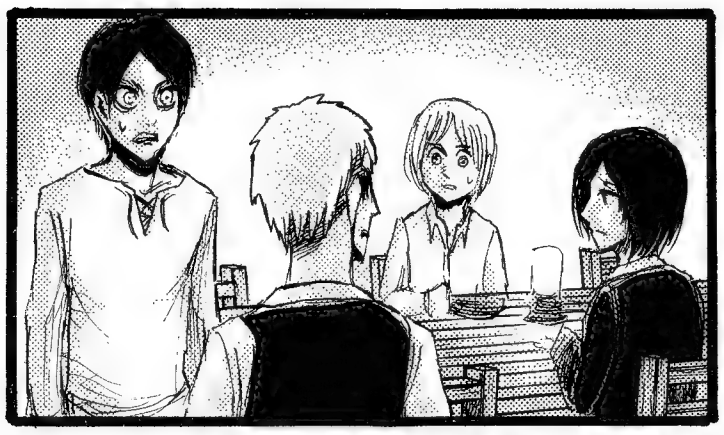
CHFF

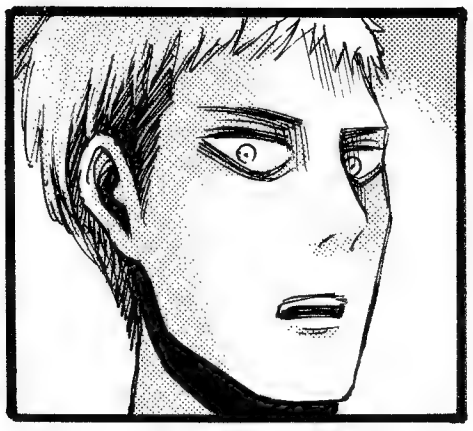
WHEN EVERYONE WITH ANY POTENTIAL SHUTS THEMSELVES UP IN THE INTERIOR!!

LOOK !!

TELL ME HOW TO BEAT THE TITANS...

RATTLE





HUH ?!?

I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU...!!

GRAB

...MY CLOTHES ARE GONNA RIP!!

YOU GRAB ME LIKE THAT...

...ASS-HOLE.

QUIVER QUIVER

!

IF YOU DON'T BACK OFF...

QUIVER

WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?

I ENVY YOU!

WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR CLOTHES?!

HE WAS...

...I SEE...

I'M...

BUT I'M DIFFERENT NOW...

QUIVER

LIKE I DID BEFORE...

...JUST VENTING HIS FEELINGS.

...A SOLDIER!

QUIVER

WHAP

THAK

WHAP
I'LL USE MY SKILLS TO FINISH THIS.
WHOOOOAAA
THUD
SWISH
OW...!

...WHILE YOU WERE LYING AROUND.

...WAS A MOVE I LEARNED THE HARD WAY...

THAT...

FWISH

JACKASS!! WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

...YOU CALL YOUR-SELF...

HOW CAN...

YOU SAY REALITY IS LIVING AN EASY LIFE AND GIVING IN TO YOUR FEELINGS?

...A SOLDIER?

KA-CHK

!!

?!

WHAT'D YOU SAY ABOUT BEING A SOL-DIER?

TREMBLE, TREMBLE

CAN ANYONE GIVE ME AN EXPLANATION...?

I JUST HEARD A LOUD NOISE IN HERE...

CREAK

SHF

TAK

TAK

HUH ?!

IT WAS SASHA LETTING OUT A HUGE FART.

!!

YOU AGAIN, EH...?

CREAK

LEARN SOME SELF-CONTROL.

THAT WAS CLOSE, JEAN.

...

...IT'S NOT OVER BETWEEN US.

THE TROUBLE IS...

...OVER A STUPID FIGHT!

YOU ALMOST LOST YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME AN MP...

I HAVE AN IDEA.

BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE CARE OF THIS HERE...

I'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE READY.

WE HAVE TIME TO SCUFFLE OUT IN THE OPEN, DON'T WE?

HEY, ANNIE ...

...

HE'S DOING IT SO HE CAN PAY YOU BACK.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S WORKING HARD TO BECOME A GREAT SOLDIER.

...NO, NOT REALLY...

DOES IT LOOK TO YOU LIKE JEAN IS SLACKING OFF?

...HE *IS* SERIOUS ABOUT LEARNING THE MOVES.

OH, I'M SURE ...

BUT ...

THAT'S MY DAUGHTER!!

THUD

WELL DONE, ANNIE!

THUD

HAH...

IT SUCKED.

NOT EVEN CLOSE.

I WAS JUST IMITATING WHAT YOU DID, BUT IT WORKED PERFECTLY!

ANYWAY, WHAT'D YOU THINK OF MY KICK?

...I WOULDN'T MIND TEACHING IT TO YOU.

IF YOU LIKE IT THAT MUCH ...

...

WHAT WAS WRONG WITH IT?

SE-RI-OUS-LY...?

FWOOOO

OH PLEASE, I INSIST.

OOOOOOO

IT REALLY HURTS...

HUH? NO THANKS!

WHACK

Current Publicly Available Information

9. Ultrahard Steel

THIS STEEL IS ONLY PRODUCED AT FACTORY TOWNS. IT COMBINES TOUGHNESS AND FLEXIBILITY TO SLICE THROUGH TITAN FLESH, AND IT'S CURRENTLY THE ONLY MATERIAL CAPABLE OF THAT. AS SUCH, THE SINGLE-EDGED SWORD, A SPECIALLY CREASED FORGED BLADE, IS KNOWN FAR AND WIDE AS AN ANTI-TITAN WEAPON. BLAST FURNACES ARE ESSENTIAL TO REFINE "ULTRAHARD STEEL," WHICH IS WHY IT CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED IN FACTORY TOWNS. THE FORGING PROCESS REQUIRES VERY SMALL QUANTITIES OF SEVERAL RARE METALS, BUT EXACTLY WHICH ONES AND IN WHAT RATIOS HAVE BECOME SECRETS KNOWN ONLY TO RESIDENTS OF THOSE TOWNS.

(WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI
AND KIYOMUNE MIWA)

FSSSSSHHH

Episode 18: What Should I Do Now?

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE ONLY ONE NOT CARRYING A PACK?!

IS IT TOO HEAVY FOR YOU?!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE BEHIND!

WHAT'S WRONG, ARLERT?

FSSSSSHHH

...

DAMN ...

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

GIVE ME THAT, ARMIN!

HOIST

TA TA TA

REINER...

SH...

SHIT...

HA...

AT LEAST UNTIL I CHANGE MY MIND!

MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET CAUGHT...!

...THEN YOU'LL FAIL, TOO!

B-BUT IF YOU HELP ME...

AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL FAIL!

REINER BRAUN... HE'S STRONG AS AN OX AND HAS THE WILL TO MATCH.

BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, HE'S EARNED THE TRUST OF HIS COMRADES.

...

FSSSSSHH

GRAB

WHA ...?! HEY!

DASH

EVEN IF I DIE TRY-ING!

I WON'T BE A BURDEN!

FSSSH

...

TA TA TA TA

ARMIN ARLERT... WHEN IT COMES TO PHYSICAL STRENGTH, HE DOESN'T MEASURE UP TO SOLDIER STANDARDS.

BUT I HEAR THAT IN THE CLASSROOM LECTURES, HE'S SHOWN EXTRA-ORDINARY IMAGINATION.

TA TA TA TA

IF HE ACQUIRED A SENSE OF DIRECTION...

OR PERHAPS...

GRRRM

GRRRMM

SHIT!

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

SLASH

SLASH

ANNIE AND BERTOLT GOT IT AGAIN...

SKRKCH SKRKCH

BERTOLT HOOVER... HE'S MASTERED EVERY SINGLE SKILL THAT'S BEEN TAUGHT... AND I BELIEVE HE HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL...

...BUT HE LACKS DRIVE AND TENDS TO LEAVE DECISIONS TO OTHERS.

ANNIE LEONHART... THE ANGLE OF APPROACH OF HER SLASHING ATTACK IS IMPECCABLE... SHE CARVES DEEPLY INTO THE TARGET.

PERSONALITY-WISE, SHE TENDS TO BE A LONER AND HAS TROUBLE COOPERATING.

FWOOOO

...I'LL HAVE TO EARN POINTS BY FINDING THE "TITANS" FIRST!

AT THIS RATE ...

I CAN'T CUT AS DEEP AS HER...

I'LL BE THE ONE IN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE!

FWOOOO

!

JEAN KIRSTEIN... HE HAS A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT AND EXCELS AT EXPLOITING THAT SKILL...
HE CAN ALSO TAKE IN A SITUATION AT A MOMENT'S GLANCE, BUT HIS PERSONALITY IS LIKE A DRAWN SWORD, WHICH TENDS TO CREATE CONFLICT.
!!
FOUND ONE ...
THIS TIME, I'LL BE THE ONE TO...
?!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
FWOOOO OOO O OO OO OO
CON-NIE!!
THAT BAS-TARD ...
TAILING HIM WAS A GOOD IDEA!

CONNIE SPRINGER... HE HAS A FINE SENSE OF BALANCE AND IS EFFECTIVE AT VERTICAL MANEUVERING.

HOWEVER, HE'S GOT A SLOW MIND AND OFTEN MAKES STRATEGIC MISTAKES.

THAK

THANKS, JEAN!

THAK

WHA ...?!

SASHA !!

GOT IT!!

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

?!

SLASH

FOLLOWING YOU FROM ABOVE PAID OFF, CONNIE!

WHOOSH

WHAT THE HELL ?!

SASHA BLOUSE... SHE MOVES QUICKLY AND HAS REMARKABLE INSTINCTS...

...BUT SHE HAS ISSUES WITH STRUCTURE, MAKING HER ILL-SUITED FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITY.

WHOOSH

YEAH, SASHA! QUIT FOLLOW-ING US!

DAMN IT! QUIT FOLLOWING ME!

FWOOOOOO

TOG
HERE THEY COME.
SHUDDER
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
WHOOSH
SLASH
SLASH

MIKASA ACKERMAN... SHE'S MASTERED EVERY SINGLE DIFFICULT SUBJECT PERFECTLY.

HER TALENT IS HISTORICALLY UNPRECEDENTED, MAKING HER THE MOST VALUABLE OF THEM ALL.

EREN YEAGER... THOUGH PROFICIENT AT BAREHANDED FIGHTING, HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY OTHER SKILLS...

...BUT HE POSSESSES A SENSE OF PURPOSE THAT'S TWICE AS STRONG AS ANYONE ELSE'S. THROUGH CONSTANT EFFORT, HIS GRADES HAVE STEADILY IMPROVED.

THAK

STAB

UNF!

CRAP ...

FWOOO OOO OO OO

THAT WAS DIRTY, YOU JERKS.

I DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR A WHINER, JEAN.

IS THERE A RULE AGAINST STEALING SOMEBODY ELSE'S PREY?

DIRTY ?

?

I FOUND THE TARGET FIRST...

OH, WELL... AT LEAST NOBODY GOT HURT DURING THE TEST.

PFFT... I DON'T UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN HUNTING THEIR WHOLE LIVES!

YEAH! IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR LETTING US GET TO IT!

EVEN WHEN YOU FOUND THE TARGET FIRST, IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE YOU LET OTHER PEOPLE SCORE THE POINTS...

HEY, MARCO?

...

MMM ...

DON'T YOU WANT POINTS?

YOU WANNA GET INTO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, RIGHT?

...BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT ACTUAL FIGHTING.

I THINK COMPETI-TION IS NECESSARY IN THE GROUP TO RAISE OUR SKILL LEVELS...

...EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...

AND EVEN THOUGH I'VE WANTED TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...

EVEN THOUGH THAT'S POINTLESS IN A TEST THAT MEASURES OUR ABILITY TO KILL...

I'M THE SLOWEST ONE HERE, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD ATTRACT THE TITAN'S ATTENTION AND LET THE OTHERS TAKE THEM DOWN FROM BEHIND.

HUH ?

I SEE... IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE A NATURAL LEADER.

I'D WANNA BE IN A SQUAD THAT YOU WERE LEADING.

THAT KIND OF EFFICIENT THINKING AND QUICK-WITTEDNESS...

I THINK IT SUITS YOU.

YOU THINK ...?

Y ...

I HAVE A FEELING I'D SURVIVE THAT WAY.

I WANNA BE IN MARCO'S SQUAD, TOO.

HOLD ON...

IN ANY CASE, I'D WANT TO AVOID BEING IN A SQUAD WITH A SUICIDAL BLOCKHEAD.

THEN I THINK I'D BE DEAD WITHIN 10 SECONDS ...

I'D JUMP ON THE MARCO BANDWAGON.

A SQUAD FOR A HYPO-THETICAL RAID ON TROST DIS-TRICT?

OH, JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND CONFESS YOUR LOVE ALREADY, JEAN.

BLOCK HEAD?

OKAY, OKAY, YOU TWO.

TAKE A WILD GUESS.

JUST WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...

AHHH... I'M WORN OUT...

...YOU SHUT UP TOO, CONNIE.

HEY, JEAN? I DON'T REMEMBER LEARNING A MOVE CALLED SUICIDAL BLOCK HEAD...

?! ...I THOUGHT EVERYBODY HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT!

SHUT IT, POTATO GIRL...

RATTLE ガラ ガラ RATTLE

I'M NOT BRAVE IN THE LEAST.

ME? YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.

CHFF

CHFF

JEAN, I THINK YOU'D MAKE A BETTER LEADER THAN ME.

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

MMM...

CHFF

WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?

CHFF

...BUT JEAN...

DON'T GET MAD WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...

...
HEY.

IS THAT...

...MARCO?

TRAINEE, DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?

...

I WASN'T GONNA LOOK...

... BUT ...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HAP-PENED...

...TO HIM.

... MARCO ...

WHAT HAP-PENED?

S...

SOME-BODY ...

ANY-BODY ...

...SEE WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?

IF YOU KNOW IT, ANSWER ME RIGHT NOW.

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

TWO DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE WALL WAS PLUGGED UP WITH THE ROCK.

...TRAINEE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

WE HAVE TO PREVENT A SECONDARY DISASTER.

AT THIS RATE, THERE'S A RISK OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

BUT WE'RE STILL COLLECTING BODIES.

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO TIME TO MOURN YOUR FALLEN COMRADES.

GOT IT?

LEADER OF 19TH SQUAD ...

MARCO BOTT...

104TH TRAINING CORPS...

MARCO... IT'S GOOD YOU KNOW HIS NAME.

LET'S CONTINUE WORKING.

SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

WHAT IS THIS...?

ULP ...
TITAN PUKE...
I GUESS THEY DON'T HAVE INTESTINAL TRACTS...
...SO ONCE THEY'VE HAD THEIR FILL, THEY UPCHUCK ALL THE BODIES LIKE THIS.
... OH GOD ...
SHIT...
WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL WHO'S WHO LIKE THIS!
FWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
I'M SORRY ...

I'M SORRY ...

OOOOOOOOO

OOO

...

AFTER ALL THE TRAINING WE DID...

LET'S HURRY UP AND GET THE FUNERAL OVER WITH.

THERE'S NO POINT IN APOLOGIZ-ING.

HORSE-BACK RIDING...

ENDURANCE RUNS...

UNARMED COMBAT...

LECTURES ON STRATEGY...

TECH-NICAL SKILLS...

VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING...

WE WORKED SO HARD...

WE DID...

...SO MUCH...

BWOOOO

OOOOSH

WAS IT ALL... FOR NOTHING ...?

CRACKLE

WE ALL REGRET IT.

FWOOOOSH

HEY... MARCO...

IF WE'D KNOWN WE WERE GOING TO BE DROPPED INTO HELL LIKE THIS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN TO BECOME SOLDIERS.

RIGHT NOW, WHEN WE'RE EXHAUSTED AND CAN'T GO ON... THAT'S THE ONLY THING IN OUR HEADS.

...WHICH BONES ARE YOURS.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW...

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHO'S NEXT.

IF I HADN'T MET YOU GUYS...

OOOOOO

IF I HADN'T BECOME A SOLDIER...

OOO

I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT, ASSHOLE.

I KNOW I HAVE TO FIGHT...

...THAT YOU'RE GONNA GIVE UP WORKING ON WAYS TO FIGHT THEM?

DO YOU WANNA BE TITAN FOOD SO BAD ...

NOT EVERY-BODY...

BUT I'M NOT GONNA TURN INTO AN IDIOT LIKE YOU...

...BUT JEAN...

DON'T GET MAD WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...

...IS STRONG LIKE YOU.

...SO YOU CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW WEAK PEOPLE FEEL.

...YOU'RE NOT A STRONG PERSON...

YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

BUT YOU'RE ALSO GOOD AT RECOGNIZING WHAT'S GOING ON AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT.

...WHAT THE HELL?

...NO MATTER HOW TOUGH IT WAS, I'D DO MY DAMNEDEST TO CARRY IT OUT.

BUT IF I GOT AN ORDER FROM SOMEONE WHO SAW THINGS LIKE I DO...

I MEAN... MOST HUMANS ARE WEAK, INCLUDING ME...

SQUEEZE

WHAT ... ... SHOULD I...

...DO NOW?

FWISH
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF
HEY... YOU GUYS...
HAVE YOU DECIDED WHICH BRANCH OF THE MILITARY ...
CHFF
... YOU'RE GONNA APPLY TO?
CHFF

I...

I'VE DE-CIDED.

QUIVER QUIVER

...

I'M...

I'M GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS.

ALL DAY, THE CANNONS FIXED ON THE WALL NEVER STOPPED FIRING.

IT TOOK A FULL DAY TO MOP UP THE REMAINING TITANS WHO'D BEEN SEALED UP INSIDE TROST DISTRICT.

THOSE LEFT AFTER THAT WERE ELIMINATED BY THE SURVEY CORPS.

MOST OF THE TITANS SWARMING AROUND THE WALL WERE KILLED WITH HIGH-EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES...

AND THE LAST TWO TITANS WERE SUCCESS-FULLY CAPTURED ALIVE.

AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE THREE DAYS YOU WERE IN A COMA...

...

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

EREN...

U-UM ...

...AND CAPTAIN LEVI.

COMMANDER ERWIN...

THE TOP LEADER OF THE SURVEY CORPS...

WHERE AM I?

...

WE WERE FINALLY GRANTED THE RIGHT TO SEE YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO.

YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.

LET'S JUST SAY YOU'RE IN A DUNGEON, AS YOU CAN SEE.

...

ジャラ JINGLE

ビク TWITCH

NOT ONLY THOSE TWO, BUT ANYONE WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PAST.

WE'RE TALK-ING TO THEM.

ALSO... WHERE ARE THE TRAINEES I WAS WITH?!

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NOW?!

AH ...

FWISH

...ISN'T MUCH DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING.

FSH

WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FROM HERE ON OUT...

I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU LATER.

YES... IT'S YOURS.

THAT KEY...

YES... OR AT LEAST... THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER SAID.

AM I RIGHT?

...HOLDS THE SECRET OF THE TITANS.

...OF THE HOUSE WHERE YOU WERE BORN, DR. YEAGER'S HOUSE IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT...

THE BASE-MENT...

LEVI... WE'VE ALREADY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT HE HAS NO REASON TO LIE.

THAT'S A VERY CONVE-NIENT STORY...

YOU HAVE AMNESIA, AND YOUR FATHER IS MISSING...

...!

MY INTEN-TIONS?

...IS ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR INTENTIONS.

THERE'S SO MUCH WE STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND... BUT WHAT I THINK WE SHOULD DO RIGHT NOW...

TO INVESTIGATE YOUR OLD HOME, WE'D NEED TO TAKE BACK SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT ON WALL MARIA.

BUT IT WOULD TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES TO PLUG THE HOLE IN THAT WALL QUICKLY.

WE'D NEED YOUR TITAN STRENGTH.

OUR FATE RIDES ON A TITAN, IT SEEMS.

PERHAPS THE "COLOSSUS TITAN" AND THE "ARMORED TITAN" ARE THE SAME TYPE AS YOU...

I...

...

I...

SHUDDER

THE KEY TO FREEING THE HUMAN RACE FROM THIS DESPAIR.

YOUR WILL IS THE **KEY.**

HEY... ANSWER THE MAN, SCUM.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO DO?

SHIVER SHIVER

I JUST WANT TO...

...ENTER THE SURVEY CORPS AND KILL TITANS.

NOT BAD...

HUH ...

RATTLE

ERWIN ...

I'LL TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY FOR HIM.

SEND THAT MESSAGE TO THE MUCKY-MUCKS.

TAK TAK

IT'S NOT LIKE I TRUST HIM.

AND IF HE BETRAYS ME OR GOES OUT OF CONTROL, I'LL PUT HIM DOWN IMMEDIATELY.

UPSTAIRS SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT...

...BECAUSE NOBODY BUT ME IS SUITED FOR THE JOB.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL ACCEPT YOU...

...INTO THE SURVEY CORPS.

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